

# ***"Il Giornalino Basilone"***

*The Official Newsletter of*



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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

*As the end of another year approaches, we should all be very proud of what we have accomplished together during 2010. I may sometimes sound like a broken record, but it is important that each and every member of our Lodge realize just how important they are – and how much they have contributed towards making life better for others, supporting the Order's worthy causes and educating so many about our Italian heritage and the life of Sgt. John Basilone.*

*Not all of us will be walking upright at our December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting – but that is a good thing! We will have a special presentation by a representative of America's Vet Dogs Program, including Bojo, one of the program's incredible service dogs. It is certainly a meeting likely to be enjoyable to everyone, including our Youth Group members, family and friends. Our Annual Cookie Swap will also take place just before the meeting starts (at 6:45 pm in the kitchen), for those who have signed up with Sister Jackie.*

*One of the nicest occurrences of last month was the 'adoption' by our Lodge of two United States Marines currently deployed to Afghanistan. Our first gift packages did go out to each of them, and we look forward to hearing from them soon. Your candy donation to fill Christmas stockings for all our troops is now also en-route overseas.*

*Closer to home, your generous donation of food items to help local needy families has been passed along to them via The Lighthouse Mission of Bellport and St. Sylvester's Church in Medford – thanks to the efforts of Sister Dottie. The nine boxes of food and three turkeys will certainly brighten the holidays for our less fortunate neighbors.*

*Our November pumpkinfest meeting was very enjoyable, and we had the pleasure of initiating several new members into our Lodge as well. In fact, we are very close to hitting the "50 new member" mark for 2010, being only three short. If we add another three (or more) members to our ranks this month (at the December meeting), we'll be eligible for a state award and recognition for 2010. Needless to say, if you have a family member, neighbor or friend who has been contemplating joining our Lodge, now would be a very good time for them to do so!*

*December is also the time when our Nominating Committee goes to work, formulating recommendations for next year's officer slate. Their report will follow in January, along with nominations from the floor, if any.*

*We now need volunteers to help us at the December 18<sup>th</sup> Gift Wrap fundraiser / membership drive at Border's Books. If you can spare even one hour please let Sister Patricia know – we could truly use your assistance at this all day event.*

*Sorrowfully our Lodge lost another member last month, with the passing of Sister Lana Manzella. Let's remember Lana in our thoughts and prayers this holiday season. We also extend our deepest condolences to Brother Nat Ierardi on the loss of his mother, Eva Frances.*

*Unfortunately we have yet another Lodge member who has fallen ill. Sister Carol Schilling has asked for our prayers and good thoughts in her fight for good health and recovery.*

*Fraternally yours,*

*Cliff*

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010

DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM (\*)

MEETING STARTS 7:15 PM

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES 8:30 - 10 PM

(\*) COOKIE SWAP - BEFORE MEETING - AT 6:45 PM

ACAMPORA RECREATION CENTER  
39 MONTAUK HIGHWAY  
BLUE POINT, NY



SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Our usual Culture Presentation  
will not be given this month, as we are having a

**Special Presentation**

by guests ( both human and canine! ) from

**America's Vet Dogs Program.**

We'll meet at least one service dog and learn how these  
invaluable canines are acquired and how they are trained  
to perform so many incredible tasks.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet, pet and ask questions!

Bring a friend, family member or anyone who might be  
interested - everyone is welcome!



## **"PROVERB OF THE MONTH"**

*( from our culture chair, patricia summers )*

**"A ogni uccello il suo nido e bello."**

**("To every bird, his own nest is beautiful.")**



*Let us be thankful for our "nests" and share them with family and friends, especially during this holiday season.*

*Italians visit each other a lot between December 24 and January 6, many times for a quick visit to have a glass of wine and to bring good wishes.*

*Years ago, the excuse for the visit was to see the host's Nativity scene since every family in Italy has one and sometimes they fill the corner of the living room. Now many Italians are putting up Christmas trees, too, and this becomes another "excuse" to visit!*

*There is no need to plan elaborate parties or long dinners. Italians put on some music, open the wine, share some biscotti.*

*With little stress and even less planning, a great evening is born!*

***Buon Natale a tutti voi!***

## **NOVEMBER "PUMPKINFEST" MEETING**



OUR NEWEST MEMBERS ARE INTRODUCED . . .



AND ARE INITIATED INTO OUR LODGE



JOSEPH SERA (LEFT) AND VICTOR TRUGLIO (RIGHT) ARE "PINNED" BY LODGE PRESIDENT & V.P.



TWO FAMILIAR FACES . . .



OUR LUCKY 50 / 50 WINNER . . .



AND PLENTY OF PUMPKIN TREATS FOR ALL

## **OUR EAST END VINEYARD FIELD TRIP**



FARM STANDS . . .



FLOWERS . . .



AND 105 POUND WATERMELONS WERE ENCOUNTERED EN-ROUTE TO LAUREL LAKE VINEYARD ON THE NORTH FORK OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>



ONCE AGAIN THERE WAS PLENTY TO EAT . . .



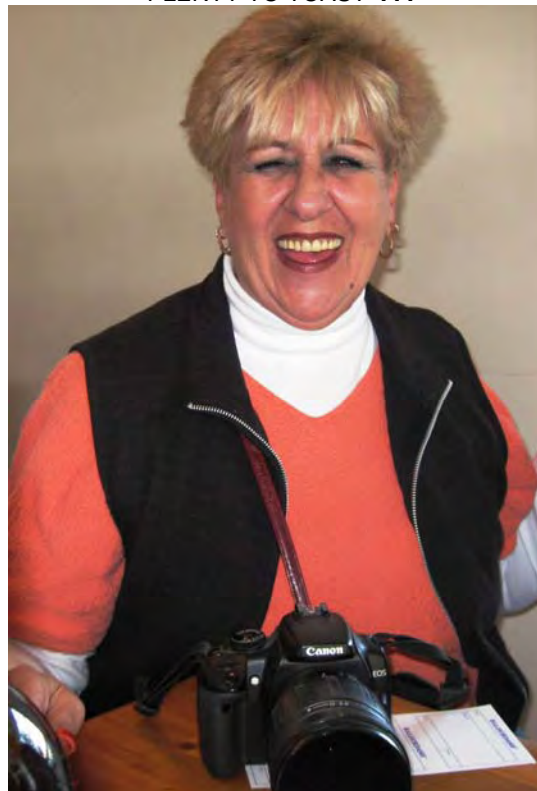
PLENTY TO TALK ABOUT . . .



PLENTY TO DRINK . . .



PLENTY TO TOAST ...



AND PLENTY TO LAUGH ABOUT TOO!

## **"ITALIAN FOOTBALL WEDDING" at SELLARO LODGE**



THERE WAS WEDDING ANNOUNCER KCIN ORUAM  
(AKA: N.Y.S.DEPUTY NICK MAURO)



ARCHBISHOP DON PEPPINO SCRUGIAINCHIA  
(AKA: SELLARO PRESIDENT ROCCO LOCCISANO)



THERE WERE INLAWS



AND OTHER STRANGE GUESTS



BRIDE BRUTTA FACCI & GROOM ALDENTE ALFREDO  
(AKA: WALTER THOMAS & JANICE SIBILIA)



BRIDE FACCI BRUTTA & GROOM FETTUCINE ALFREDO  
(AKA: STEPHEN LOCCISANO & ANTOINETTE MARZIGLIANO)



AND A PERSONAL BLESSING FOR SOME OF OUR  
LODGE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE!

## *"MEMBER'S CORNER"*

*Feel free to submit an article, story, photo, recipe, joke, etc. for this feature.*

*This month features . . .*



*Brother Ciro Marino hard at work in his shop  
("A Nice Italian Barber Shop") in Selden*



***A Very Merry Christmas to all!***

***Buon Natale a tutti voi!***

*From Your Newsletter Staff!*

# **BUON COMPLEANNO !**

*( HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS WHO BECOME  
ONE YEAR "BETTER" THIS MONTH ! )*

**James Kiefer ( December 5<sup>th</sup> )**

**Richard Armenio ( December 13<sup>th</sup> )**

**Carlo Matteucci ( December 16<sup>th</sup> )**

**Nicole Basilone ( December 18<sup>th</sup> )**

**Rita Pia Burke ( December 20<sup>th</sup> )**

**Rosemarie Coniglione ( December 21<sup>st</sup> )**

**Lois Kowaleski ( December 24<sup>th</sup> )**

**Kim Fontaine ( December 25<sup>th</sup> )**

**Madeline Matteucci ( December 27<sup>th</sup> )**

**Nat Ierardi ( December 28<sup>th</sup> )**

**Anna Bonventre ( December 30<sup>th</sup> )**

**Deputy Jack Abruzzo ( December 31<sup>st</sup> )**

**Michelle Cavaleri ( December 31<sup>st</sup> )**





# **B E N V E N U T I !**

***A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Sisters & Brothers ...***

***Anthony Costantino ( Youth Group )***

***Nicholas Costantino ( Youth Group )***

***Francine Di Mino***

***Gail De Peri***

***Rosemarie De Siena***

***Linda Truglio***

***Victor Truglio***



***MARK YOUR CALENDARS***

***DECEMBER***

***6<sup>TH</sup> (MONDAY) – MONTHLY MEETING & SOCIAL NIGHT ( COOKIE SWAP )***

***9<sup>TH</sup> (THURSDAY) – CHRISTMAS PARTY (SONOMA GRILL)***

***18<sup>TH</sup> (SATURDAY) – CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAP @ BORDERS BOOKS***





*REST IN PEACE*

*LANA MANZELLA*

*EVA FRANCES IERARDI*



*Our Sincerest Wishes & Prayers*  
*For A Speedy Recovery*

*SEBY TORRIGLIANO*

*JACK ABRUZZO*

*CAROL SCHILLING*



***This completes our December Newsletter. Hope you enjoyed it!***

**Fraternally Yours,**

*Cliff Miller*

( Newsletter Editor )

*God Bless & Protect Our Troops . . . Wherever They May Be!*