

"Il Giornalino Basilone"

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As a new year dawns, and my term as your president begins to wind down, I'd like to start 2011 by saying thank you to everyone for all of your hard work, for your support and for maintaining your membership in our wonderful Lodge. To all our Lodge officers and commissioners I extend a special thanks for your leadership and strength throughout 2010, which is greatly responsible for all we have achieved.

All of you who worked on committees throughout the year are to be highly commended and thanked, as are those who marched in parades and attended ceremonies and funerals together as a Lodge family. But, most especially, I must thank "my" Patricia for standing behind and alongside me every step of the way. Without her hard work and 110% involvement in everything – especially our culture program – our Lodge would be only a fraction of what it now is!

This year our Lodge will continue to grow and achieve; to support our Grand Lodge and Supreme Lodge; to fulfill the goals and missions of OSIA; and to make as much of a positive difference in the world as we possibly can. We will, of course, continue to find new fun and rewarding things to do; to change or modify whatever may not have worked so well in 2010; and to continue doing the many things we know have worked well – our Culture Program, field trips, themed meetings (Applefest, etc.), Let's Eat Out nights, Coffee and Conversation events and more. And certainly we will continue to educate as many as we possibly can about our Italian heritage and culture; about USMC Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone; and to support our brave troops wherever they may be sent.

There are four key ways every one of us can help our Lodge, whether you have been able to attend every single meeting or none at all. One way is to share your thoughts and ideas about how we can improve and make our Lodge a better place for you and for all your Lodge sisters and brothers. Some of our greatest ideas in 2010 came from the general membership!

Another way is to always maintain your pride and enthusiasm about our wonderful and rich culture. In this fast moving world where so many important ideals seem to be discarded on a regular basis, it is only by joining together that we can truly defend our heritage!

Participate, whenever you can, but never feel that anyone will look down on you or criticize you if you can't. If there is anything we can do to make it easier to attend or participate in any meeting or event, give me or any officer a call. Maybe we can help.

And, perhaps the most important way you can help us, is by paying your dues on time. Please never allow finances to cause you to end your membership, but please do communicate with me or any financial officer if you need your dues reduced, staggered or waived. While the membership dues for our Lodge is far less than many other lodges, it is important we all understand where dues money goes and what happens if a member does not pay.

We are a "filial" lodge of the Grand Lodge of New York State and Supreme Lodge (national). Every filial lodge must pay a per-member tax to the Grand and Supreme Lodge on an annual basis. This money goes towards maintaining the Grand and Supreme Lodges, thus keeping all of OSIA alive and well. This tax applies to every individual on our roster as of January each year. Our Lodge is then responsible to pay for every member for that entire year, even if a member resigns during the year. Your membership dues reimburse our Lodge for what we have laid out on your behalf - thus, if you do not pay your dues, it actually hurts our Lodge financially and puts the burden of replenishing those funds on the other members. While we will gladly "carry" or assist any member who cannot afford their dues, it is important that we know you wish to remain a member – so we do not unnecessarily "carry" anyone who has lost interest in remaining a member, or drop someone who wants to remain.

That said, I thank everyone for your cooperation, and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Fraternally yours,

Cliff

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2011

DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM

MEETING STARTS 7:15 PM

ACAMPORA RECREATION CENTER
39 MONTAUK HIGHWAY
BLUE POINT, NY

Come and find out what's new for us in 2011!



CULTURE PRESENTATION:

Patricia Summers, Chairperson

What are YOU doing for New Year's?

Come to our January meeting and find out what your cousins are doing in Italy.

You may be surprised!

And don't forget to eat those lentils on January 1 and wear your red underwear!

OUR DECEMBER MEETING

12 - 6 - 2010



OUR VERY SPECIAL GUEST . . . BOJO



"AMERICA'S VET DOGS" REP MARYANNE ERDODY ADDRESSES OUR MEMBERSHIP



LODGE SISTER MICHELLE CAVALERI MEETS BOJO AS BOB AND MARYANNE ERDODY LOOK ON



THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL COOKIE SWAP PARTICIPANTS / BAKERS SHOW OFF THEIR TASTY GOODS



THERE WERE BAGS AND BAGS OF COLORFULLY WRAPPED TREATS



LODGE SISTER JANIS LUCHETTI RECEIVES HER BASILONE PARADE THANK YOU CERTIFICATE

OUR "WARM COATS & WARM HEARTS" DONATION



OUR LODGE UPHELD THE TRADITION OF COLLECTING & DONATING COATS, JACKETS AND SWEATERS (TO HELP KEEP THOSE IN NEED STAY WARM) -THIS YEAR IN MEMORY OF KEN AND MADDY ELDRED, WHO STARTED OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT TWO YEARS AGO. PICTURED IS LODGE VP PATRICIA SUMMERS, AFTER DELIVERING ABOUT 50 GARMENTS TO BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY STORE MANAGER GEORGE BEATTIE AT LOCAL "WARM COATS & WARM HEARTS" DROP-OFF POINT.



"PROVERB OF THE MONTH"

(from our culture chair, patricia summers)

***"Chi ben comincia
`e a meta dell'opera."***

("A good start is half the battle.")

***Whether you are making New Year's resolutions,
thinking of doing more for the Lodge this year,
organizing your life, getting more exercise -
it all begins with that first step.***

LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY 2010

SONOMA GRILL, HOLBROOK

12 - 9 - 2010







AND, OF COURSE, THERE WAS . . .



THAT MYSTERY CHICKEN ???!!!



"MEMBER'S CORNER"

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

"Our Members at Work"



Lodge Brother John Murphy (who makes our Lodge shirts & jackets)
behind the counter of his sporting goods & equipment store
(Murphy's Sports Shack, 101 Deer Park Avenue, Babylon, NY)



BENVENUTI !

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Sister & Brothers ...

***Chris E. Calamia
Daniel Di Capua
Brian K. Fabricatore
Rosanne Fabricatore
Brian P. Rowse***

DISTRICT I & II CHRISTMAS PARTY
COLUMBUS LODGE 12-20-10



LODGE BROTHER LENNY MADDALENA WITH OSIA NATIONAL PRESIDENT JOE DI TRAPANI AND OUR OWN CARLO MATTEUCCI (NATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEE & PAST NYS PRESIDENT)





LODGE PHOTOGRAPHER JANIS MADDALENA (RIGHT) CAPTURES THE ARRIVAL OF SANTA & MRS. CLAUS AT THE DISTRICT PARTY



BUON COMPLEANNO !

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

Jackie Costantino (January 1st)

Michael Basilone (January 6th)

Gail DePeri (January 10th)

Alecia Carroll (January 11th)

John Migliore (January 12th)

John Nigro (January 17th)

Avalon Fox (January 24th)

Regina Allen (January 27th)

GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER

BORDER'S BOOKS

12-18-2010



THE MORNING CREW ASSISTS OUR FIRST CUSTOMER



EVEN OUR NEWEST MEMBERS PITCHED IN



HELPING CUSTOMERS ALL DAY



ANOTHER HAPPY CUSTOMER !



IMPORTANT REMINDER

“Go Ahead Tours” has contacted our Culture Chair because the cruise we chose (Venice, Bari, Adriatic, Croatia & Greek Islands on Costa Cruise Lines) is filling up. If anyone is seriously interested in joining us in October, please call Patricia no later than January 6th at 631-567-9493. This trip is open to non-members as well.



DUES REMINDER

If you have not already paid your membership dues for 2011, please pay them (or at least part) now. Thank you!



This completes our January Newsletter. Hope you enjoyed it!

Fraternally Yours,

Cliff Miller

(Newsletter Editor)



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