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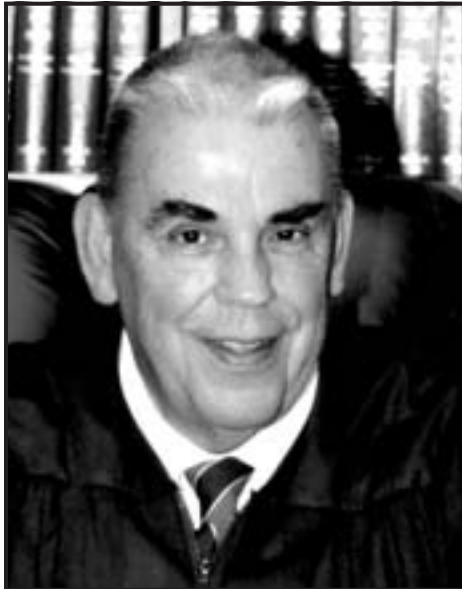
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THE 28TH ANNUAL *Law and Justice Day Breakfast*



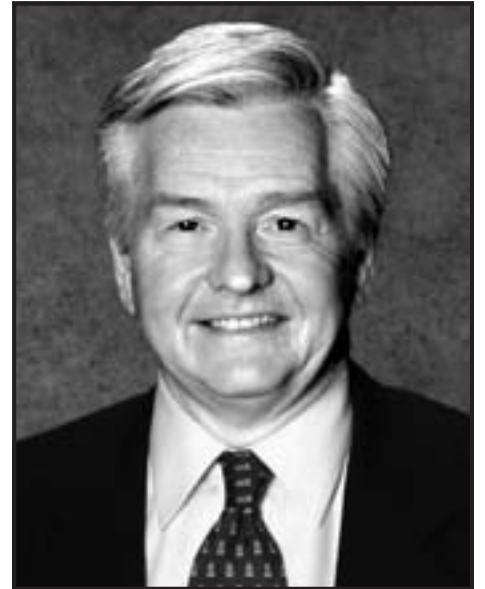
HONORABLE PAUL E. PERACHI
Justice Award



JAMES P. MUSCATO
Law Award



KARYN E. POLITO
Public Service Award



DAN REA
Special Recognition Award

The 28th Annual Law and Justice Day Breakfast sponsored by the Commission for Social Justice of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Order Sons of Italy in America will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at Lombardo's, 6 Billings Street, Randolph, Massachusetts beginning at 9:30 A.M.

The Commission is pleased and honored to announce the following recipients of this year's awards: Honorable Paul E. Perachi, Ret., First Justice, Berkshire Juvenile Court (Justice Award); James P. Muscato, Assistant Superintendent of Law Enforcement, Plymouth County Sheriff's Department (Law Award); and Karyn E. Polito, Former State Representative, Eleventh District Worcester (Public Service Award).

A "Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Service on behalf of Italian-Americans" will be presented to Dan Rea, veteran Boston television journalist,

for his tireless efforts to bring justice to four innocent Italian-American men, including, Joseph Salvati, who were wrongfully accused of a crime they did not commit.

The Commission for Social Justice acts as the anti-defamation arm of the Order Sons of Italy in America and its purpose is to ensure equal concern, respect, treatment and opportunity for all Italians, Italian-Americans and those of other ethnic origins. Keeping within the focus of their purpose, the Commission is extremely proud to be able to recognize these outstanding individuals who have proven themselves as leaders within the community, the state and in the preservation of their Italian Heritage.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, please contact the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at 617-489-5234.

GRAND LODGE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

by Ron Hill



Sports Commissioner Larry Pellegrini, Women's High Single bowler Catherine Bourassa, Women's High Triple bowler Cheryl Caira, State President James DiStefano, and Sports Commission Chairman Steve DeAngelis.

Bowling teams from around the state gathered at the Woburn Bowladrome for the annual Grand Lodge Bowling Tournament. Men's and Women's teams from Waltham, Watertown, Wilmington, Woburn, Winthrop, Hingham, and Rockland came ready to bowl and represent their lodges. After practicing and reviewing the rules, the tournament got under way. When the morning ended there was a sigh of relief from many, as they had discovered muscles not used in some time.

In the Women's Division, First Place went to the team from the Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183 (Wilmington) and Second Place went to the team from the Woburn Ladies Lodge #1584. High Triple was awarded to Cheryl Caira from the Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183 and High Single was awarded to Catherine Bourassa from the Regina Margherita Lodge #1402 (Waltham).

In Men's Division A, First Place went to the team from the Piave Fiume Lodge #1036 (Watertown). Second Place went to the team from the Angelo Giuseppe

Roncalli Lodge #2183. High Triple in the division was awarded to Tony Biccari from the Piave Fiume Lodge # 1036, and High Single was awarded to Chris Addiani from the Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183.

In the Men's Division B, First Place went to the team from the South Shore Men's Lodge #1850 (Hingham) and Second Place went to the team from the Joseph Gorrasi Lodge #1406 (Woburn). High Triple in the division was awarded to Rick Kelly from the South Shore Men's Lodge #1850, and High Single was awarded to Rudy Viscomi from the Piave Fiume Lodge #1036.

The Grand Lodge Sports Commission would like to thank all the participants, the Woburn Bowladrome for their hospitality, and Sports Commissioner Larry Pellegrini for his help organizing this event.

The next scheduled Grand Lodge sporting event is the annual Bocce Tournament, which will be held in Watertown on September 18, 2011.

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GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS

97th Annual Convention

June 23-26, 2011

Radisson Hotel, 11 Tara Boulevard, Nashua, NH



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The President's Message

from James DiStefano



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Thank God that winter is over, and spring is finally here, I can see a difference in the faces of all the members in lodges that Kathy and I have visited, everyone has a smile on their face now.

I hope by now all lodges have had their elections and all new officers are being installed soon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the outgoing officers for a job well done, and thank all the new officers for stepping up to keep your lodge moving forward.

Now that the new bylaw is in place and all officers' terms are for two years, your lodge will not need an installation next year, which is one of the cost savings that we are attempting to provide for filial lodges.

Another cost saving for filial lodges is seen on your per capita bills, you will notice a credit on your bill, which is the Grand Lodge paying for the National per capita increase of \$1.50, through our fundraising program. So please support our fundraising efforts, they will save your lodge money.

Membership, as you know, has dropped some, and if we want our order to survive for another 106 years, it is up to us, and what we do today, to continue to teach our traditions, our culture and our language. The only way we can do this is through younger members, we must continue to install new members, we all know how difficult that is, but if you do not ask they will not join. So please, I ask every lodge to put together a membership drive.

Cari Fratelli e Sorelle

C'e' da ringraziare il cielo che l'inverno sia finalmente andato via, e la primavera e' finalmente arrivata. Si nota una differenza sui volti di tutti i membri nelle logge che io e Kathy abbiamo visitato; su tutti si nota un sorriso sul viso.

A questo punto spero che tutte le logge abbiano completato le elezioni, e che i dirigenti siano presto installati. Colgo l'occasione per ringraziare i dirigenti che hanno compiuto il loro mandato biennale. Non ci saranno installazioni di dirigenti l'anno venturo, quindi un'occasione per risparmiare un po', un motivo reale che ci sta permettendo di aiutare le logge. Un'altra occasione per evitare spese si riflette nelle bollette per i contributi 'per capite', applicando cosi' un credito che viene applicato dalla Grande Loggia, che cosi' puo' pagare la porzione che va' alla Loggia Suprema, che comprende anche l'aumento di \$1.50, che proviene tutto dalla nostra raccolta fondi, aiutando le logge finanziariamente.

Il numero dei membri, come ben sapete, e' sceso un po', ma se vogliamo che il nostro Ordine sopravviva per altri 105 anni, si sta' a noi, ed a quello che facciamo oggi per continuare a diffondere le nostre tradizioni,

Give an incentive, free dues or some type of prize, to the member who brings in the most new members till the end of the year. Our membership committee with Chairman Brother Tony Sestito is working very hard, but we need all the help we can get with membership.

Please join us for our signature event of the spring, Law and Justice Breakfast at Lombardo's in Randolph, Ma., on May 1. We will be celebrating with the outstanding recipients and their families. Thanks to the hard work of our Social Justice Committee and Chairman Al DeNapoli this year's recipients are:

Justice Award - Hon. Paul E. Perachi, Ret., First Justice, Berkshire Juvenile Court.

Law Enforcement Award - James P. Muscato, Asst. Superintendent of Law Enforcement, Plymouth County Sheriff's Department.

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The Fifty-sixth Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon sponsored by the Scholarship Commission, of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Order Sons of Italy in America and The Charitable and Educational Trust will be held on Sunday,

May 22, 2011 at the Braintree Sons of Italy Hall, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree, Massachusetts beginning at 11:00 a.m.

One of the most significant contributions we make as an organization to our community is through our Scholarship Awards Program. Every year our Charitable and Educational Trust; along with many individual donors provide over \$40,000 to graduating high school students who are continuing their education. Please help support our Chairperson Donna Giuliani and her hard working committee, by purchasing a table from your Lodge.

The 97th State Convention will be held on June 23rd to 26th, at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua New Hampshire. There will be many new programs that will be voted on.

August 7th Tutto Italiano Car show will be held at Larz Anderson Auto Museum sponsored by the Order Sons of Italy, along with the Italian Consul General's Office to celebrate the 150 anniversary of the unification of Italy.

On Sunday September 18, 2011 Sports Chairman Steve DeAngelis and his committee will be holding the Bocce Tournament at the Watertown Lodge. Come and show off your bocce skills and take home a trophy this year.

Kathy and I would like to thank all the Lodges that we visited during the past few months, and those who have invited us to their functions. We wish all of our members a very Holy and Happy Easter, and May God bless you all and may God bless the Order Sons of Italy.

la nostra cultura e la nostra lingua. L'unica via di farlo e' con l'aiuto di membri piu' giovani; dobbiamo continuare ad installare nuovi membri, sebbene ci rendiamo conto di quanto difficile esso sia. Se non chiedete, nessuno si fa' avanti! Per cui chiedo ad ogni loggia di preparare un programma per trovare nuovi membri. Si possono offrire incentivi a quei membri che sponsorizzano il maggior numero di nuovi membri, continuando fino alla fine dell'anno

in corso. La Commissione preposta al reclutamento di nuovi membri, diretta dal secondo V. Presidente Statale Fratello Antonio Sestito, sta lavorando sodo, ma ci serve un qualsiasi e possibile aiuto per avere successo.

Vi prego di partecipare all'evento di grido della primavera: la Colazione 'Legge e Giustizia' che si terra' al centro ricevimenti "Lombardo" di Randolph,

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GRAND LODGE EVENTS

MAY 1, 2011

Law & Justice Breakfast

Lombardo's - Randolph, MA

MAY 22, 2011

Scholarship Luncheon

Sons of Italy - Braintree, MA

JUNE 11, 2011

Testimonial Honoring State President James DiStefano

Holiday Inn - Mansfield, MA

JUNE 23-26, 2011

State Convention

Radisson Hotel - Nashua, NH

AUGUST 7, 2011

Tutto Italiano

Larz Anderson Auto Museum - Brookline, MA

SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

Bocce Tournament

Sons of Italy - Watertown, MA

For more information on these events,
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Souvenir Program Book

The Scholarship Commission will, once again, publish a Souvenir Program Book

containing pictures and biographies of our 2011 recipients. Your support in wishing our Scholarship Recipients all the best as they begin a new journey in furthering their educational goals is very much appreciated. Please remember that your generous donations help fund our scholarship program and are vital to its continued success.

Ticket Reservations

The Scholarship Commission invites you to join us on May 22nd to celebrate the remarkable achievements of these outstanding young men and women and to help support their future successes. Tickets are priced at \$35.00 per person.

The Scholarship Commission would like to thank the members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for their unflagging support of the scholarship program during the past fifty-six years.

THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS ANNOUNCES A New Auto and Home Insurance Program

Learn How You Can Save Money on Your Auto and Home Insurance!!!

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

As an appointed commissioner of the Benefit Insurance Commission, I recognize the need to provide additional benefits to our members while looking for ways to generate income for the Grand Lodge. I have been spending the past few months designing a program that I believe has value for all Sons of Italy Members.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I am announcing an insurance program designed to provide savings directly to you on your auto and home insurance while generating income for our beloved Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The program operates like a Cooperative. When we all buy together we benefit directly through special discounts and the Grand Lodge benefits through increased revenue.

Participation in the program does not require any extra effort on your part. The Grand Lodge Auto and Home Program functions this way:

1. You contact Ross Zagami – Benefit Insurance Commissioner
2. I provide you with a quote
3. You receive savings
4. The Grand Lodge receives a marketing fee for every policy that is written

We all know how challenging it is for the Grand Lodge to meet its financial obligations locally as well as nationally. Every dollar counts. You will see that the Grand Lodge Auto and Home Program can help meet this challenge by generating meaningful income for our Grand Lodge.

GETTING STARTED IS EASY

To start helping yourself and the Grand Lodge call for a no obligation quote:

Ross Zagami 617-484-4466 (phone) 617-484-4467 (fax)

Keep in mind that a large percentage of Massachusetts auto insurance policies renew in January.
Call today and you can IMMEDIATELY start saving money while generating a marketing fee for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION COMMISSION to Hold Mini-Workshop

Steve Cozzaglio, Chairman of the Organization & Education Commission, has been invited to speak at the Belmont Mixed Lodge #1094 the night of their installation on May 9, 2011 and has agreed to put on a mini-workshop as the Lodge requested. This is a great opportunity for new officers and those serving in new capacities to understand more clearly their roles and duties within the lodge. It is also a great opportunity to clarify any misunderstandings about the way meetings should be run.

The Belmont Mixed Lodge will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW located at 688 Huron Avenue in Cambridge, MA.

President Robert Oliverio invites local lodges in the area wishing to attend to contact Carol Rossi at 508-259-2802 or 508-655-2099.

Thank You Letter

February 23, 2011

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
93 Concord Avenue, Belmont, MA 02478

To the members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

I apologize for getting back to you so late, to thank you for the wonderful Epiphany party that was given for the Residents at the Don Orione Home. I want you to know that Ms. Marylou Abbatesa did a fantastic job (she went around to each resident making sure that they had a good time, with treats, music and gifts). The other people in the group made sure the residents were happy and enjoying themselves. Also, they enjoyed Santa very much and the wonderful music from Gerry and Dante.

After the party, the residents went back to their units with a smile on their faces and raved about the party. I am sure as soon as autumn starts the residents will be asking me when the Epiphany party will be held.

Again, thank you for this wonderful event and tradition each year.

May God Bless all of you and the residents will keep you in their prayers.

Sincerely,

Franca Montemurro, *Activities Director*

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*State President
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*Saturday, June 11, 2011
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Dinner 7:00 p.m.

\$60.00 per person Black Tie Optional

For reservations call:

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Bowling Tournament (Continued from Page 1)



First Place Men's Division A: Piave Fiume Lodge #1036.



First Place Women's Division: Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183.



First Place Men's Division B: South Shore Men's Lodge #1850.



Second Place Women's Division: Woburn Ladies Lodge #1584.



Second Place Men's Division A: Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183.



Second Place Men's Division B: Joseph Gorrasi Lodge #1406.



Sports Commissioner Larry Pellegrini, Men's Division B High Triple bowler Rick Kelly, State President James DiStefano, and Sports Commission Chairman Steve DeAngelis.



Sports Commissioner Larry Pellegrini, Men's Division A High Single bowler Chris Appiani, State President James DiStefano, Men's Division A High Triple bowler Tony Baccari and Sports Commission Chairman Steve DeAngelis.

LODGE NEWS

Lynn Past Venerable Dom Civiello Honored

by Peter Frangipane



Honoree Dom Civiello

A large group of Lynn lodge members — including alumni, family, and friends — gathered recently at the Porthole Restaurant to induct Dom Civiello to the Lynn English High School Hall of Fame. A member of the Class of 1939, he has been active in the Sons of Italy since high school.

After returning from service in the United States Army heavy weapons division, he became the first track coach of Lynn Vocational High School and later his alma mater, Lynn

English High School. His service to students and to the Lynn Sons of Italy lodge spans over 40 years. He is best known for his efforts to organize and oversee citywide track meets that included all of Lynn's high schools, junior lodge members, as well as lodge members from around the North Shore.

In 1975, he, along with colleague Ted Laubner, approached track officials from the Northeast Conference and won approval to establish the first all-girls track league. He served as Past Venerable of the Roma Riunite Lodge # 889 of Lynn, and has devoted time and energy to the Lynn Italian Community Center.

Most recently, his knowledge and inspiration was instrumental in forming the Santa Famiglia Lodge # 2834 in Lynn, now in its fifth year. A devoted father and self-employed businessman, Mr. Civiello believes that family and heritage are essential for a life well spent. We agree!

• Presidents Message (Continued from Page 2)

MA, il prossimo 1 maggio, 2011. Celebreremo le persone da onorare e le loro famiglie. I miei ringraziamenti per l'arduo lavoro svolto dalla Commissione: "Giustizia Sociale" ed alla sua guida Al DeNapoli, Esq. Quest'anno verranno onorati:

Per la Giustizia: On.le Paul E. Perachi, pensionato. Ex Giudice capo della Corte.

Minorile del Berkshire. Per la Pubblica Sicurezza: James P. Muscato, Asst. Superintendente dei servizi di

Polizia, Dpartimenti dello Sceriffo della Contea di Plymouth, MA.

Per i Servizi Sociali: Karyn E. Polito, ex Deputato Statale, di Worcester, Distr. 11.

Uno speciale premio di riconoscimento, per conto di tutti gli italo americani, sarà presentato a Dan Rea, un veterano giornalista televisivo, a Boston, per il suo instancabile zelo per assicurare giustizia a quattro uomini innocenti, incluso Giuseppe Salvati, che furono erroneamente accusati di un omicidio che non avevano affatto commesso.

Il 56mo. pranzo annuale per la consegna delle borse di studio, sponsorizzate dalla Commissione competente della Grande Loggia del MA Ordine Figli d'Italia in America, e dal Fondo Fiduciario per opera caritatevoli ed educative, avrà luogo domenica, 22 maggio 2011 alla sede della loggia Figli d'Italia di Braintree, MA, al 161 King Hill Road. L'evento ha inizio alle 11 antimeridiane.

Uno dei contributi più significativi che facciamo come organizzazione alle nostre comunità, è (col programma)

di dare borse di studio. Ogni anno il Fondo Fiduciario per attività caritatevoli ed educative, unitamente ad offerte di individui, assegna la somma di \$40,000 a studenti diplomandi dalle Scuole Medie Superiori che si accingono a proseguire negli studi intrapresi. Esorto tutti ad aiutarci a sostenere la presidentessa della Commissione Borse di Studio, Donna Giuliani ed i membri (della sua instancabile commissione), prenotando un tavolo per la rispettiva loggia.

Il 97mo Congresso Statale avrà luogo dal 23 al 26 di giugno 2011, all'hotel Radisson di Nashua N.H. Ci saranno molti programmi che devono essere discussi ed approvati (dai Delegati).

Il 7 agosto 2011 ci sarà un salone dell'auto "Tutto Italiano" al "Larz Anderson Auto Museum", promosso dall'Ordine Figli d'Italia unitamente al Consolato Generale d'Italia per celebrare il 150mo anniversario dell'unificazione italiana.

Domenica 18 settembre 2011, il capo Commissione "Sport", Steve DeAngelis, ed i membri della sua Commissione, terranno un "Torneo di Bocce" alla loggia di Watertown. Venite e mostrate il vostro talento, e poi portatevi a casa un trofeo, per il 2011!

Entrambi Kathy ed io vorremmo ringraziare tutte le logge che abbiamo visitato negli ultimi mesi, come pure quelle (logge) che ci hanno invitato alle loro feste.

Auguriamo a tutti i nostri membri una Santa Pasqua, e che Dio benedica voi tutti e l'Ordine Figli d'Italia.

GORIZIA LODGE #467 - Supports Our Troops

by Deb Mooney

Members of the Gorizia Lodge #467 of Rumford, Maine recently held a drive of non-perishable items to be sent to our soldiers overseas.



Pictured, L-R: with collected items are President Terry Umbro with members Rick Garrity, Michael Lavorgna, Diane Lavorgna and Josephine Umbro.

THE GRAND LODGE CULTURE SERIES Presents ... The Gift of Distinct Music

The Grand Lodge, Sons of Italy, is exceptionally pleased to welcome a most talented duo to entertain us on the evening of Monday, April 25 at the Burlington Public Library.

Roberto Cassan, native of Italy and accordionist extraordinaire and John Muratore, accomplished guitarist, in enduring collaboration play with "the intimacy of chamber music and the spontaneity of jazz". Their repertoire ranges from European classical to contemporary American, Latin American and jazz influenced compositions. On this evening celebrated Italian music will be featured.

They have performed in the US, Canada, South America, Europe and Russia. Here at home they have entertained at Jordan Hall, Tsai Performing Center, Dartmouth College, WGBH and

Vermont Public Radio. Following study in Italy, Roberto continued music research and graduated Berklee School of Music in Boston. Their work has been cited as "a fascinating cutting edge program".

This is a program in our ongoing Culture Series not to be missed. Roberto and John will entertain us between 7 and 8 pm on Monday evening, April 25.

Come join us for an evening of Italian music by exceptional talent. Refreshments will be offered. The evening is open to the public.

For more information, please contact Pat Moreno at 781-272-5375, morenospat@verizon.net.

Ten minute previews of our many and varied past Culture Series programs can be viewed at PEGmedia.org.

THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS INVITES ALL TO ATTEND THIS WONDERFUL EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIFICATION OF ITALY. OSIA WILL CO-HOST TUTTO ITALIANO WITH THE LARZ ANDERSON AUTO MUSEUM.

Tutto Italiano

Sunday, August 7, 2011

Largest Italian Festival in the Northeast!

10am - 2pm

Lodge Events

The First Friday of Every Month — Come Dance to Live Music from 7:30-11:00 P.M., at the Sons of Italy Hall, 520 Pleasant Street, Watertown. A light collation is served. For additional information, please contact Sal at (781) 894-5749 or Mary at (781) 646-8578. Proper dress is required.

Spectator Admission:

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Children 6-12, \$5

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LODGE NEWS

Worcester Lodge #168

2010 Achievement Award Presented to Judge Vito A. Virzi

by Maria L. Sciannameo, EdD



Lodge #168 President Donna Giuliani presenting the 2010 Achievement Award to Judge Vito A. Virzi.

The Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston, MA was the scene of festivities celebrating the achievements of the Honorable Vito A. Virzi, Justice of Westborough District Court. This year's evening was dedicated in memory of Arthur A. Porcaro, a long-time member of Worcester Lodge #168 who was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Enjoying the festivities were various members of the State Council: State President and Mrs. James DiStefano, State Recording Secretary and Mrs. Ron Hill, State First Vice President and 2001 Achievement Award Recipient Carmelita Bello, State Trustee Margaret Campbell and Benefit Insurance Commissioner Mary Ann Bello. State President DiStefano gave congratulatory remarks to Judge Virzi and to the Lodge.

Officers of the Columbus Day Festival Committee were: Co-Chairmen: Ralph and Helen Aromando; Honorary Chairman and Lodge President: Donna Giuliani; Secretary: Maria Sciannameo and Treasurer: Kenneth Simoncini.

Members also served on the following committees: Achievement Award: Ralph and Helen Aromando, Kenneth Simoncini, Donna Giuliani, Maria Sciannameo and Vittoria Visci; Decorations: Chairman Linda T. Dattis and Mary Jane Simoncini; Dinner Reservations: Rosemarie Mikitarian, Elena Olivieri and Maria Sciannameo; Reception: Mary Ann Bello, Matteo Solitro, Mary Jane Simoncini, Kenneth Simoncini, Linda Dattis, Patricia Solitro, Giancarlo Minardi and

Maria Sciannameo; Music and Publicity: Kenneth Simoncini, Maria Sciannameo and Anthony 'Tony' Murgo; Souvenir Book: Kenneth Simoncini.

The Toastmaster was Worcester County Registrar of Deeds; Anthony Vigliotti, Esq. He presented Judge Virzi with a citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives on behalf of Representative Karyn Polito.

Judge Virzi, a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, served on several committees of the Worcester County Bar, participated for many years on the pro bono panel (which provides free legal services for indigent clients in civil cases) and represented indigent criminal defendants as a bar advocate for many years. He was appointed Associate Justice of the Massachusetts District Court in 1993, served as First Justice of the Dudley District Court and judge in the Westborough District Court. Judge Virzi was also awarded the Distinguished Jurist Award from the Thomas More Society of Worcester County, and served in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

He is active in his church, and in alumni affairs at the College of the Holy Cross and Saint John's High School. In addition, he has served as a board member and chairman of the Adopt-A-Student program at Venerini Academy in Worcester. As judge, he stresses the importance of education and family values.

Judge Virzi welcomed and thanked his fellow judges for attending, and introduced his family. Born in Montescaglioso, Basilicata, Italy, Judge Virzi reminded attendees what it was like to be an immigrant in a foreign country. Judge Virzi recalled his thoughts of what his life would probably be like — he would be a subsistence farmer — if his parents had not had the courage to follow their dreams and immigrated to the United States — a great land of promise, equality and opportunity.

He reminded us that, "This realization existed as far back as 1774, when the great Italian patriot Filippo Mazzei settled in Virginia on a hillside he called,



Lodge #168 Chaplain Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini with 2010 Achievement Award Recipient Judge Vito Virzi, his wife Nancy and his family.



Grand Lodge Officers with 2010 Award Recipient Judge Vito Virzi (center). L-R: Margaret Campbell, State Trustee; Ron Hill, State Recording Secretary; Mary Ann Bello, Lodge Vice President and Benefit Insurance Commissioner; Donna Giuliani, Lodge President; James DiStefano, State President and Carmelita Bello, State First Vice President.



2010 Columbus Ball Committee — Front Row, (L-R): Mary Ann Bello, Co-Chairman; Helen Aromando; MaryJane Simoncini, Co-Chairman and Ralph Aromando. Second Row, (L-R): Elena Olivieri, Patricia Solitro, Donna Giuliani, Lodge President and Honorary Chairman; Maria Sciannameo, Rosemarie Mikitarian, Linda Dattis and Kenneth Simoncini. Third Row, (L-R): Matteo Solitro, Francesco Visci, Thomas DiReda and Vittoria Visci.



Past Award Recipients — Front (L-R): Anthony Murgo, Florence Murgo, Gladys Bello and Carmelita Bello. Back Row: Anthony Vigliotti, Esq., Kevin Mercadante, Ret. Police Chief, Edward Gardella, and Michael Sacco.

'Colle.' This was located next to Thomas Jefferson's "Monticello." "Mazzei," he continued, "wrote in the *Virginia Gazette*, 'Tutti gli uomini sono per natura equalmente liberi e indipendenti', that is, 'all men are by nature equally free and independent'".

Judge Virzi went on to tell attendees that Jefferson later borrowed the phrase and with a slight change that became the cornerstone of the Declaration of Independence: "All men are created equal." "We became the beneficiaries of our ancestors'

foresight and hard work!"

The evening continued with dancing and friendly conversations that helped all to reminisce about our parents and grandparents as many exchanged stories of their years growing up in America.

LODGE NEWS

Membership Open House - District 6 and 7



The Membership Commission of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held an open house for the Lodges in Districts 6 and 7 on Wednesday, October 27, 2010. The Victor Emanuel Lodge #1646 of Haverhill hosted the open house and provided refreshments for all the members and potential members in attendance. The Commission sponsored a number of open houses during October 2010 in celebration of October Italian Heritage Month.



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli

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MAMA'S LASAGNA IMBOTTITA

Baked Lasagna with Tomato Sauce

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| Lasagna: | <i>1 1/2 pounds lasagna</i> | <i>1/2 pound container ricotta cheese</i> |
| | <i>salt</i> | <i>1/2 pound grated mozzarella cheese (optional)</i> |
| | <i>6 cups prepared tomato sauce</i> | <i>1 tablespoon of parsley flakes</i> |
| Ricotta Cheese Filling: | | <i>3/4 cups grated Romano or Parmesan cheese</i> |
| | <i>3 eggs</i> | <i>salt and pepper to taste</i> |

Place ricotta cheese into a strainer to remove any excess liquids. After ten minutes, place ricotta cheese in a bowl. Add beaten eggs. Use electric mixer only in very slow speed or stir by hand. Do not whip. (Optional) Stir in parsley and salt ricotta. Add three tablespoons of grated cheese of choice and (optional) mozzarella cheese. Mix thoroughly and set aside.

Partially cook lasagna following direction on the package. Boil lasagna only for five minutes or less (until the pasta becomes limp). Strain lasagna and return to pan. Add cold water to lasagna to avoid sticking together.

Spread some prepared tomato sauce over bottom of lasagna baking tray. Drain several portions of the pasta at a time from cool water. Avoid excess water in the baking tray. Place lasagna strips over tomato sauce in bottom of tray. With a tablespoon, spread ricotta mixture over the lasagna. Using a ladle, spread tomato sauce over the ricotta. Sprinkle grated cheese of choice over the tomato sauce. (Optional) Any meat in the sauce can be sliced and layered over the first layer of lasagna. Repeat the process until all lasagna has been layered into baking tray. Cover the tray with aluminum foil and set aside. Bake at least ninety minutes before serving time in a preheated 350°F oven for about forty minutes. Remove cover and check firmness of ricotta cheese by inserting a thin knife. If needed, return lasagna to oven until knife comes out clean and ricotta is firm. When thoroughly baked, set aside for at least thirty minutes before cutting into squares for serving.

Serve extra meat from sauce in a separate platter when serving the Lasagna Imbottiti.

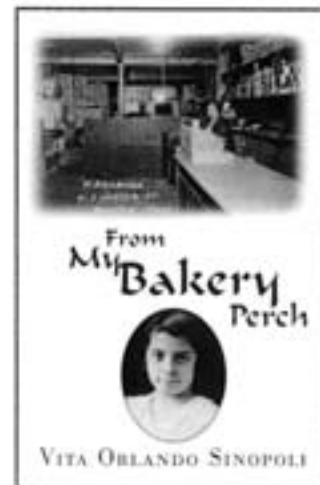
Serves six.

NOTE: After the electric refrigerator replaced our wooden icebox in the kitchen, I recall that Mama often prepared her sauce and the Lasagna Imbottiti in the evening. She refrigerated the lasagna-filled tray and baked it the next morning.

Her favorite lasagna meat sauce was using ground beef and pork meat. She fried the ground meat loosely in her favorite saucepot. When the meat browned, she added the chopped onion and other ingredients accordingly to create her tomato sauce.

In the morning she baked the lasagna while she reheated her tomato sauce on the stove. A half-hour or so before serving time Mama cut her lasagna into serving portions. If needed, Mama returned the lasagna tray to the oven at 250°F to reheat. I adopted Mama's way of preparing this meal because I found it more convenient than preparing everything in one morning.

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Victor Emanuel Lodge #1646 Installation of Officers

by Lucinda Nolet

The Victor Emanuel Lodge #1646 held its Installation of Officers and initiation of new members on March 23, 2011.



Seated, L to R: Treasurer Robert Maffeo, Vice President Donna Killam, Past President Frank Azzarito, Financial Secretary Carmine LoConte and Orator Joanne Gucciardi. Standing, L to R: State President James DiStefano, Trustees Randall Riccio, Frank Quintiliani, Norma Maffeo, Mark Cederman, Joseph Barbuti, Lodge President Richard Picone, Trustee William Daly, Recording Secretary Lucinda Nolet, Mistress of Ceremonies Rosemarie Romatelli, Master of Ceremonies Michael Schroth and Italian Culture Commission Chairman Pat Moreno.



Chef Tony Santoro.



L to R: Past Vice President Fran Azzarito, State President James DiStefano and Lodge President Richard Picone with new members Luz Gabrielli, Shirley Caruso, Raymond Farmer, Kathleen LoConte and Joel Schroth. Not pictured: David Chute.



In Memory



In Remembrances

The Grand Lodge received notification of the death of the following members. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts extends sincere condolences to the members of their families.

Lodge Name	City	Name
Venezia #374	Rockland	Fulvia A. Bailey
Venezia #374	Rockland	Cheryl Miller
Peter B. Gay #540	Taunton	Dorothy Copparini
ITAM #564	Pittsfield	William Guzzo
North Adams #704	North Adams	Willard W. Barber
Vittorio Veneto #1035	Fall River	Henry Ramunno
Vittorio Veneto #1035	Fall River	Alfonse Saulino, Jr.
Piave Fiume #1036	Watertown	Vito Costa
Piave Fiume #1036	Watertown	Luciano Valente
Ambrose D. Cedrone #1069	Newton	Warren H. Thompson, Jr.
Norwood Italian #1235	Norwood	William Grazado
Regina Margherita #1402	Waltham	Nancy S. Rando
Woburn Ladies #1584	Woburn	Ethel Gorrasi
Winchester Women's #1592	Winchester	Loretta Frongillo
Winchester Women's #1592	Winchester	Emma Provinzano
Revere Ladies #1601	Revere	Antonina Rose Agnes
Sgt. Guido Petrilli #1606	Roslindale	Orlando DiRoma
G. Marconi #1620	Lee	Michael Baluk
Wakefield #1734	Wakefield	Elizabeth DeCandia
Maria Montessori #1744	Belmont	Richetta C. Lettiere
South Shore Ladies #1851	Hingham	Joan Marie Letson
Winthrop Ladies #2071	Wintrop	Antoinette P. Cea
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli #2183	Wilmington	Jerry Maffeo
Greater Boston Renaissance #2614	Boston	Rocco J. Antonelli, Sr.
Santa Famiglia #2834	Lynn	Orlando J. Fanti
Santa Famiglia #2834	Lynn	Nancy Jamieson
Santa Famiglia #2834	Lynn	Emilia Riccio
Grand Lodge At-Large	Belmont	Angela DiStefano
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