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2011-2013 New Slate of Officers Installed



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A multitude of members, family and friends were on hand to witness the installation of the Lodge's new slate of officers at the March 22 general meeting, and many stayed on for the delicious celebratory buffet dinner that followed.

With assistance from several key State Lodge representatives, that Tuesday evening saw new President Teresa Rivero taking

over the reigns from Mario Cermele, who has served with much dedication and diligence these past four years.

"It is very difficult to follow in his footsteps," said the newly-installed president of her predecessor, who later received a plaque commemorating his term and acknowledging his efforts. The evening was indeed enjoyable and memorable.



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A Message From Your PRESIDENT

Teresa Rivero

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What an enthusiastic, warm and wonderful reception you've all given me! On behalf of myself and my family, I want to thank you all so much for your support on having me be your president. I promise to work hard at helping us all work together as a united group to achieve whatever goals we set, and to bring further success to our Lodge. Please don't hesitate to call me to help you, especially if you are chairing an event at the Lodge. I know I can put my years of experience to work for you.

Before I talk about what lies ahead, I have to express my sincerest appreciation to Past President Mario Cermele for making me feel comfortable in stepping into his shoes and for making the transition so smooth. I also want to thank our state representatives Michele Ment, Robert Ferrito and Louis Biundo and Past State Historian Lucy Codella for coming to our installation and State Deputy Joe Zingone for assisting in the ceremony. Their participation in the evening's program helped make it a very special and memorable night.

Now it's time to get to work and tell you about what's going on in our Lodge. I had the pleasure of attending the April 16 Entertainment Night chaired by Brother Luigi and Sister Flavia DiNota. Wow! What a fabulous job they and their committee did! The performances were all first rate. The Don Felice band was excellent, the comedian had the entire audience howling with laughter and I don't remember anyone sitting down while the vocalist was on—everyone was on their feet having a great time! Thank you Luigi and Flavia for heading this up and making this event such a success.

On installation night I promised to work at increasing our numbers, especially by recruiting the younger generation. I have formed a new membership committee and have asked Brother Joe Amato to be part of it. Joe recently brought in four new members (see Lodge News on page 6), two who are work colleagues. Great going Brother Joe! Think about what would happen if many of us could do the same. Don't hesitate to talk up our Lodge to neighbors and co-workers who are potential members!

Perhaps you've already noticed an addition to my contact information. Yes, it's an email address! I can now be reached at triverso@yahoo.com. I believe that if we want to attract more young people and get better at communicating what we have to offer, we have to embrace the technologies that our prospective audience uses. Also, since our newsletter is published every other month, there should be a timely way to get important information across to our members. So I'm putting together a Lodge email list for that purpose. Please email me and I'll add you to our list.

A group representing our Lodge will be traveling to the state convention on June 2-5, and I'm excited to see what changes and updates we have at the state level. I'm asking Brother Tony Capicotto to help report back this important news to you in the next issue of the *Avanti*.

I am so looking forward to all the wonderful events we have in store (see our calendar on pages 4-5) and to seeing you and your families there. Sempre Avanti!

Fraternally Yours,
Teresa Rivero

SNAPSHOTS

A LOOK AT LODGE LIFE AND EVENTS IN PHOTOS



Counterclockwise from the top left: **MARCH 22 INSTALLATION** — New President **Teresa Rivero** and Past President **Mario Cermele** cut the celebratory cake; Mario, accompanied by Trustee **Pamela Danza**, accepts a service appreciation plaque as **Financial Secretary Luigi DiNota** looks on; **State Principal Trustee Louis Biundo**, **State Treasurer Robert Ferrito** and **National Trustee Michelle Ment** graciously attended and assisted in the ceremony; **APRIL 16 ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT** — **Nicola and Lucia Marino** celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary at the Lodge; **Entertainment Provider Paola Pesaturo** is shown with the event's vocalist, **Salvo Randazzo**; and **Chairpersons Luigi and Flavia Dinota** with **Teresa Rivero** thank participants for attending.



EVENTS CALENDAR

ON, ABOUT AND AROUND THE LODGE

May 9—June 2 **Adult Bocce Tournament 7:15 pm**

Join your fellow brothers and sisters for some friendly competition on our own home turf. Brother Joe Amato along with Brother Lenny Mignini will be coordinating this summer's tournament at the Lodge. Currently, there are 12 teams in two divisions but more teams are still welcome. Games will be played Monday through Thursday nights at 7:15, 8:15 and 9:15 pm, with the top team in each division playing each other in the championship showdown on June 2. Trophies will be awarded to the top 2 teams. If you're not playing, come cheer for your Lodge mates and enjoy the yummy food and refreshing beverages that will be offered. \$15 team entry fee.
Contact: Joe Amato, (917) 589-7443.

Wednesday, May 11 8:00 pm **Officer's Meeting**

Contact: Rita Cestone, (914) 948-3608

Sunday, May 22 7:00 am **Atlantic City Bus Trip**

Start your day of gambling fun—and hopefully winning!— with a continental breakfast at the Lodge at 7:00 am followed by a fun-filled, luxury bus ride to AC. We'll sing, enjoy a mid-morning snack of espresso and homemade cookies, play Bingo and enjoy a brownbag lunch before arriving at the Showboat. You'll gamble at your leisure until 5:30 pm when you'll board the bus for home, catching an on-board movie or a well-deserved rest along the way. The bus leaves the Lodge promptly at 8:00 am and arrives back at the Lodge around 9:00 pm.
\$35 pp. all-inclusive (Casino returns \$30)
Contact: Teresa Rivero, (914) 997-7388 or triverso@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, May 24 8:00 pm **General Meeting**

Contact: Rita Cestone, (914) 948-3608.



Friday, May 27 6:00 pm **Family Pasta Tombola Night**

What's better than a delicious pasta dinner followed by several fun rounds of tombola at a reasonable price? Not that much, especially when there are two choices of pasta! This is a fun-filled evening for all ages so bring the entire family and your friends and make your own table of ten. The little ones too young to play tombola can eat with their families and then join our special "kid-sitters" for crafts and activities. Dinner includes ziti and meatballs or linguine and clam sauce, garden salad, bread, cake and ice cream, and beverages. Door prizes too! \$20 pp. all-inclusive. Children under 5 eat free; children 6-12 eat for \$3.
Contact: Teresa Rivero, (914) 997-7388 or triverso@yahoo.com.

Please support our Lodge events.
And don't hesitate to invite non-member friends to an event—they may become future members!

June 6—June 16
Kid's Bocce Tournament **TBD**

It's our first bocce tournament for children! Co-chairs Vito and Joe Amato and their wives Santina and ToniMarie will have more details once they know how many children will be participating. The children will be placed into teams based on their ages and prizes will be awarded to the winning teams. For kids 5 and up; call to register to play and for more information.

Contact: Vito Tassone, (914) 424-8659

Wednesday, June 8 **8:00 pm**
Officer's Meeting

Contact: Rita Cestone, (914) 948-3608

Sat-Sun, June 17-18 **10:00 am-5:00 pm**
Flea Market

Something for everyone! New and pre-owned items (clothing, shoes, handbags, household, baby, toys, arts and crafts and more) as well as delectable home-baked goodies will be for sale. Vendors are welcome; 8ft space for \$35/day and tables are available for a rental fee of \$10/day. Weather permitting, vendors may set-up their tables outdoors.

Contact: Paola Pesaturo, (914) 358-5663

Tuesday, June 28 **8:00 pm**
General Meeting

Contact: Rita Cestone, (914) 948-3608

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Under the chairmanship of Mary and Richard Riguzzi, the Lodge will be sponsoring the festival with various other Westchester Italian American groups extending support. We will have a food booth offering sausage and peppers; volunteers are needed and should contact Food Booth Chairperson Mario Cermele at (914) 325-1239.

VENDORS WELCOME—The Lodge welcomes vendors to participate. Vendor applications can be found on our website or contact Mary Riguzzi at (914) 761-5358 or riguzzi@aol.com.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

We've had the good fortune of having a few friends and co-workers of **Brother**

Joe Amato join us recently. Please welcome **Joe Lembo** and **Steve Lembo**, who are both mechanical engineers with Kohler Ronan, LLC with Brother Joe Amato. Both Hawthorne residents, Joe Lembo is married with two children and works in Kohler's Connecticut office while Steve, who is engaged to be married this September, works in Manhattan. Also joining us is

IN THE NEWS

What's Going On With Our Members

Roberto Caso, another Hawthorne resident, who is married with three children and is a Contacts Manager working at Weill Cornell Medical College. White Plains resident and mom of two **Michelle Stangarone** is now a Meucci Lodge member, as are **Pasqualina Sachetti, Vito Sachetti and John Angiolillo**. All were installed at the April 26 general meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Brother Vinnie and Sister Connie Bevilacqua on the engagement of their grandson James to Jennifer Thompson. We look forward to news about the upcoming wedding.

GET WELL WISHES TO our State Trustee Brother Joe Zingone, who is recovering from cataract surgery. Hope you are feeling much better soon, Joe.

SPECIAL THANKS TO Brother Frank D'Ambrosio for fixing our fence. Great job!

CONGRATULATIONS TO Brother Tony

Rummo, who was honored recently by the Westchester Community College Italian Club for his years of service to the Italian American community. The club, headed by **Brother Prof. Carlo Sclafani**, celebrated its 39th Anniversary at the Greentree on May 1. Tony and Prof., we are very proud of both of you!

Have any news that you'd like to share? Call Rita Cestone at 948-3608.



CHILDREN'S CARNEVALE: Fifty-five children, ranging in age from three to ten, attended the March 5th event at the Lodge, co-chaired by Joe Amato and Vito Tassone (pictured on the right with his wife Santina). The children enjoyed music, crafts and made masks while learning about the Italian festival from *Re Carnevale* (the king of Carnevale). The adults had a great time too, watching the children revel in a part of their rich heritage. Thanks to all involved for an enriching and fun experience!

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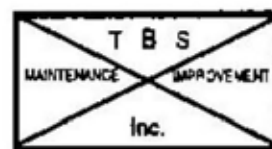
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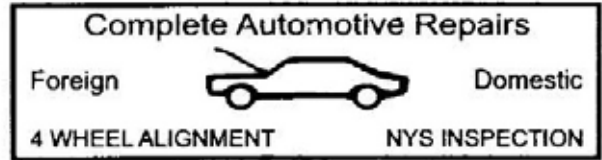
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