

FEBRUARY 2012

VINCENT LINGUANTI LODGE #2212 NEWSLETTER

"Liberty is our most precious prerogative. If we give it up for some temporary safety we will have neither liberty nor safety."



President's Message

Brothers,

Although I have been out of town for this month, it has been a joyful time for many of us. This month started with the New York Giants winning the Super Bowl, which made many

of us very happy and maybe a little richer. Then Valentine's Day which meant chocolates and flowers for that special person in our lives. Now Mardi Gras is upon us, still another time for celebration!

Keep in mind we have a number of events coming up and I am reaching out to you for your support and participation. Scholarship applications are due April 15th. Contact Al Galan if you have any questions. We have a new format on our calendar fundraiser. There will be drawings for winners in April and May. Please return all you tickets as soon as possible.

Brother Ernie Bosco is chairing the golf outing being held on Tuesday, May 15th. **SPONSORS AND GOLFERS NEEDED!**

Please keep in mind we need new members for the future of our lodge.

Our immediate past President Charlie Gardella underwent quadruple by pass at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital on Feb 8th. The latest report is he was transferred to Helen Hayes for rehabilitation. Let's keep him our thoughts and prayers.

At the January 30th meeting we installed a new member Nick Vero who we all welcome and look forward to having him in the Vincent Linguanti Lodge.

On a sad note we mark the passing of Brother Bill Rizzo. He will be missed. Lodge Service at Wanamaker & Carlough Friday Feb 24 @ 3:30 PM.

Brother Thomas V. LiPuma, President

Next Council Meeting
Monday March 19th at 7:30PM

MONTHLY MEETING
Monday Feb 27th 7:30PM
Tagaste Monastery

PASTA SURPRISE will be served at 6:30 PM

St Joseph's Feast
Royal Manor, Garfield NJ
Monday March 19th
11:30 AM to 3:30 PM \$46 P/P

Featuring the usual family style Italian banquet, singers, and comics. Includes two bar drinks. \$46 per person includes mandatory two dollar tip and all taxes.

SEE Brother Bob Gregory for tickets or call him on 845-215-5715.

NITE AT THE RACES *Linguanti Style*

We're doing it AGAIN! "Nite at the Races"

Friday Apr 27th at Tagaste Hall

DOORS Open 6:00 PM

FOOD Served 6:30 PM

RACES Start 7:00 pm Admission \$8

Our Lodge is named for TSgt Vincent S. Linguanti, USAAF, the first Italian American service member from Rockland County to be killed in WWII.

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HEALTH AND WELFARE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Bill Rizzo who passed away in Texas. His Lodge service will be held at Wanamaker & Carlough; Friday Feb 24 at 3:30 PM. Brother Charlie Gardella had Quadruple Bypass surgery. He is now at Helen Hayes Hospital for Rehab. Your prayers continue to be requested for Brother Vinny Dima.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL

Please call President Tom LiPuma at **634-3282** if you know of a brother who is sick or hospitalized.

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LINGUANTI LODGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications MUST be in by April 15th to Bro Al Galan.

CHILDREN or GRANDCHILDREN **MUST** have an 85% grade point average for 3 years **OR SAT COMBINED** Critical Reading & Math scores of 1100 **OR ACT** score of 24 **AND** will start college in 2012.

Bro Al Galan, 60 Gerardine Place, New City, NY 10956 ANY QUESTIONS 845-356-7495

Lodge Notes:

Our web pages on the NY Grand Lodge website are ready. The 2212 Web page went live Feb 1st. We are adding information. If you have any ideas of what should be there please contact Bro Geo Persico. SEE it at <http://www.nysosia.org/lodge.asp?LodgeNumber=2212>

More Lodge Notes:

Elections for officers will be held at this meeting. Trustee position is contested with 6 brothers running for 5 positions.

If you don' already have tickets, get Calendar Tickets at this Meeting
TWO MONTH Calendar Card Fundraiser, April & May. Over \$3500 in prizes. SEE PAGE 3

We haven't had a prayer in awhile, so I thought you might like this one. (Editor)

**Dear God,
My prayer for 2012 is for a fat bank account and a thin body. Please don't mix these up like you did last year.**

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Events

Mon Mar 19 St Joseph's Feast @ Royal Manor
11:30AM Garfield NJ \$46 per person

Fri Apr 27 Nite at the Races *Linguanti Style*
6PM Doors open **6:30** Food served **Races 7PM**

Tues May 15 Linguanti Lodge Golf Outing

Sun May 20 Lodge Memorial Mass @ Tagaste
9AM Breakfast follows--\$10p/p for extra guests

Mon Jun 4 Lodge Scholarship Night
8PM Tagaste

March Birthdays

3rd Vera Tirabasso
5th Lena Ferrara
6th Jennifer Pavone
7th Joseph Caruso
9th Jeanne Gatta
10th Rosanne Composto
11th Victor Secreti
15th Ralph Scotto
17th Ann Amalfitano
18th James Molinaro Sr
20th Robert Gregory
21st Joseph Consiglio
21st Carmen Gatta
22nd Ed Passamonti
24th Joan Orazio
26th Mary Ann Kezmarsky
26th Robert Langiulli
26th Anthony Pavone
30th Yvonne Ciarletta



We wish them all *Salute a cent'anno.*

March Anniversaries

3/15/1997 Diana & Carmen Riccardi
3/21/2003 Sandra & William Villanova



Is your Birthday or Anniversary missing?
See Bro Sam D'Urso or call him at 845-369-0766

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USED WINE BOTTLE CORKS still needed. If you have any please give them to Bro George Persico.

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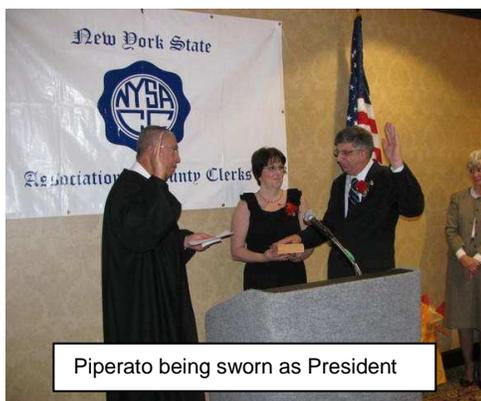
Senior's alphabet

A is for arthritis.
B is for bad back.
C is for chest pain. Perhaps cardiac?
D is for dental replacements and decline.
E is for eyesight-can't read the top line.
F is for fissures and fluid retention.
G is for gas (which I'd rather not mention).
H is for high blood pressure (I'd rather have low).
I is for incisions, with scars you can show.
J is for joints, that now fail to flex.
L is for libido-what happened to sex?
Wait I forgot about K.
K is for my knees that crack when they're bent.
(Please forgive me, my memory ain't worth a cent).
N is for Neurosis, pinched nerves and stiff neck.
O is for osteo and all the bones that crack.
P is for prescriptions, I have quite a few.
Give me another pill, I'll be good as new.
Q is for queasiness. Wine or the flu?
R is for reflux-one meal turns into two.
S is for sleepless nights, counting my fears.
T is for Tinnitus-I hear bells in my ears.
U is for urinary difficulties with flow.
V is for Vertigo, that's "dizzy" you know.
W is worry, now what's going around?
X is for X ray and what might be found.
Y is for another year, I've left behind.
Z is for the zest that I still have in my mind.

I have survived all the symptoms my body's
Deployed and kept 26 Doctors gainfully Employed.

ALBANY —
Rockland
County Clerk
Brother Paul
Piperato is
the new
president of
the state
Association
of County
Clerks.

Piperato was
elected to the
post by his colleagues, said his deputy clerk, Debbie
Vobroucek. There are 62 county clerks in New York.



The 53-year-old Piperato, from Thiells, was elected
county clerk in 2005 and re-elected in 2009. He
previously was deputy county clerk for 16 years. The
Rockland County Clerk's Office serves as clerk to the
county and supreme courts and is the custodian of all

county records, including the filing, recording and
storing of millions of court and real property documents.
Piperato said that to assist customers with accessing
records, navigating filing requirements and fees, and
understanding application procedures, the office has
developed a comprehensive website,
www.rocklandcountyclerk.com. The site contains
instructions, downloadable forms and links to other sites,
as well as free access to view and print records.

In 2011, Piperato embraced the electronic filing of
records as Rockland became a test site. He continues to
stress support for e-filing, as he did during remarks to his
colleagues at the ceremony. "We are now clearly at an
important turning point in how we conduct business,"
Piperato said. "Technology will drive our future, and we
must be ahead of the curve. So together let us share
ideas and look at ways to continue to excel given the
current economic conditions."

His list of priorities for the year includes expanding the
electronic filing of court records, launching the
electronic filing of land records, hosting additional
business seminars, increasing organ donor network
efforts, and developing a FAVOR program in every New
York county.

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CALENDAR FUNDRAISER IMPROVEMENTS

- Card is for TWO months, April & May 2012
- Guaranteed winner for each day
- Donation is \$10 per ticket which covers BOTH
April & May
- All sold tickets are placed in drum. Winning ticket
is drawn for each day.
- Each winner receives a check for amount shown on
the card for that day. (See BELOW)
- Ticket Holders just before and just after each
winning ticket drawn will each receive \$10.
- Each winning ticket is returned to the drum before
the next drawing.

For example, ticket # 1012 is drawn for Sunday, April
29th. Ticket #1012 wins \$100. The holders of tickets
#1011 and #1013 each receive \$10.

**ALL CALENDAR FUNDRAISER
TICKETS SHOULD BE IN BY THE
MARCH MEETING.
DRAWINGS BEGIN APRIL 1ST.**

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Culture Corner

CARNEVALE IN ITALY

What is Carnevale?

Carnevale, also known as carnival or *mardi gras*, is celebrated in Italy and many places around the world 40 days before Easter, a final party before Ash Wednesday and the restrictions of Lent.

How is Carnival Celebrated in Italy?

Carnevale in Italy is a huge winter festival celebrated with parades, masquerade balls, entertainment, music, and parties. Children throw confetti at each other. Mischief and pranks are also common during *Carnevale*, hence the saying *A Carnevale Ogni Scherzo Vale*, anything goes at carnival.

Carnevale has roots in pagan festivals and traditions and as is often the case with traditional festivals was adapted to fit into the Catholic rituals. Although carnival is actually one date, in Venice and some other places in Italy the carnival celebrations may begin a few weeks before.



Masks, *maschere*, are an important part of the *carnevale* festival and Venice is the best city for traditional carnival masks. Carnival masks are sold year round and can be found in many shops in Venice, ranging from cheap masks to elaborate and expensive masks. Walking through the streets of Venice, it's a pleasure to view the variety of masks on display in shop windows. People also wear elaborate costumes for the festival and there are costume or

masquerade balls, both private and public. The 2012 date for *Carnevale* is February 21 but celebrations in Venice and many parts of Italy start in early February.

Venice, Viareggio, and Cento hold the biggest and most elaborate carnival festivals. Other towns have unusual ways of celebrating.

Venice Carnevale

Venice's Carnival season starts about 2 weeks before the date of *Carnevale*. Events and entertainment are held nightly throughout Venice. During carnival season people in costumes wander about the city.

Some public highlights are:

- Gondola and boat parades along the Grand Canal
- Mask parades in St. Mark's Square
- Carnival for Children in the Cannaregio district.
- Grand fireworks show on the final day to end the carnival celebration.



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