



# ASTRONOMER



GALILEO GALILEI LODGE #2253  
ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF  
ITALY IN AMERICA  
JULY 2019 ISSUE

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July 9, 2019 – Double Meeting

Council at 7:00 p.m., General at 7:30 p.m.

at Hicksville Library

# from the PRESIDENT

Brothers and Sisters,

HAPPY & SAFE 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!

June was awesome! Bryan Coleman, one of our soldiers from support the military came back to talk to the lodge. It was so nice to have him there to talk to us.

We also had our scholarship night where the newly elected state president, Anthony Naccarato chose our lodge to be his first visit and we gave scholarships to 5 very deserving students.

A special Thank You to Monaco's for always providing us with great food for our meetings and events.

As some of you know, I am not going to be at the July meeting. My 7-year-old and I are going to Florida for the week. I am so very looking forward to some fun in the sun with my princess. I thank my Vice President, Anthony Arena for running the meeting in my absence.

A sign-up sheet will be at the July and August meetings for the picnic on September 28, 2019 at Cantiague Park. Please sign up the number of adults and kids that will be attending so that we can figure out the fun stuff and food. See the enclosed list of upcoming meetings and events that I have created ☺

See you in August!!!

Fraternally,

Michele Sewitch  
President

4TH OF JULY  
INDEPENDENCE DAY  
Stars & Stripes  
LET FREEDOM RING  
AMERICA  
sweet land of liberty  
RED ★ WHITE ★ BLUE  
PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN  
GOD BLESS THE USA

And I'm Proud To Be An  
AMERICAN  
Where At Least I Know I'm  
FREE ★ and I won't  
FORGET  
The Men Who DIED  
who gave that RIGHT to me.  
And I Gladly Next To You And  
STAND UP DEFEND  
HER still ★ Cuz there ain't  
today. NO doubt  
I LOVE this land. ★  
God Bless the U.S.A.



**ANTHONY ARENA, LISA CALABRESE,  
ANN PARDI, RHONDA ERIN FISCHER,  
ANTHONY D"ANGELIS ,LAURA DIGIROLAMO  
AND  
KARL WINDISCH**

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**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE  
FOR  
NEW MEMBERSHIPS:**

Why not ask family, friends or neighbors to join our family of  
Sisters and Brothers in the Galileo Galilei Lodge.  
Not of Italian descent? You are welcome to join as a Social Member.  
Call Michele Sewitch (516) 458-0474 or Julianna Kerti (516) 935-8695

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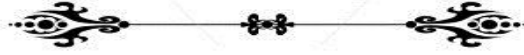
***New Idea***



**WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW IDEAS  
FOR EVENTS TO RUN,  
FUNDRAISERS & SOCIAL EVENTS  
SPEAK WITH LODGE PRESIDENT MICHELE SEWITCH  
ABOUT YOUR IDEAS**



# Scholarship Award Winners



*Congratulations!*

*Kate Cimino – Dante Award  
Jennifer Haberstock, Jenna McClusky  
Jessica Pardi, Jason Brigandi*



# CSJ REPORT

The meeting was held at the Marco Polo Lodge on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and was arranged by OSDIA NYS CSJ Chairperson John Fratta. Chairperson Fratta welcomed all and thanked everyone for attending and the Marco Polo Lodge for hosting this meeting. District II Liaisons in attendance were: CSJ District II Chair Jan Gagliardo and Aurora Glover Cellini; Ann Acquaviva, Marco Polo; Julianna Kerti, Galileo Galilei, Marisa Gambino, Glen Cove; Lisa Velotti, Marino; Patricia Edick and Recording Secretary Mary Ann Rispoli, Cabota Lodge.

## **Other District II Attendees**

OSDIA NY State President Anthony Naccarato, Verdi Lodge, Keith Wilson, Columbus Lodge, Marianne Prince, Marino, Alberta Ippolito, Gulotta, Lodge President Mary DeRosa and IPP John Simonetti, Marco Polo

## **District II Lodges not Represented**

America, DaVinci, Donatello, Marciano and Mazza

## **The Following Items were Listed on Chairperson Fratta Agenda**

Liaisons at Lodges  
District CSJ Meeting attendance  
Complaint Directory (Districted a copy to all participants)  
District Fundraisers  
Vacant Positions to be filled by Lodges without a Liaison

The importance of having a Liaison from each Lodge Attending District Liaison Meetings.

Keith Wilson recommended that all Liaisons read OSDI Chairperson John Fratta's column in the GOLDEN LION. You will read items of importance to report on at your Lodge meetings in addition to what is discussed at your CSJ District meeting.

OSDIA NYS President Anthony Naccarato addressed the attendees and expressed the importance of the contents OSIA Founder Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro's Inaugural Address in June of 1905 by reading its contents.

President Naccarato talked about his plan to recognize the ordinary Italian. Through this Italian American's hard work their family became very productive members of the American society. He asked that if we know an Italian family like this to let him know.

If a Liaison misses three consecutive meeting's they will no longer be considered a liaison. Chairperson Gagliardo will ask lodge Presidents to assign a liaison and if there is no Liaison from their lodge regularly attending.

Minutes submitted by liaison Julianna Kerti.



## PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

### JULY

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - Meeting @ Hicksville Public Library - \*169 Jerusalem Ave, Hicksville \*  
7pm Council - 7:30pm General - Downstairs in Basement  
No Pizza, Coffee or Dessert is served in the Library

### August

August 6, 2019 - Meeting - @ Hicksville Public Library - \*169 Jerusalem Ave, Hicksville \*  
7pm Council - 7:30pm General - Downstairs in Basement  
No Pizza, Coffee or Dessert is served in the Library

### September

September 10, 2019 - Council Meeting - @ Hicksville Community Center 7pm  
September 17, 2019 - General Meeting-@ Hicksville Community Center 7:15pm-Pizza 7:45pm Meeting  
September 28, 2019 - Picnic - @ Cantiaque Park

### October

October 1, 2019 - Council Meeting - @ Hicksville Community Center 7pm  
October 5, 2019 - Sands Casino Trip (See Pete Sarandrea)  
October 8, 2019 - General Meeting - @ Hicksville Community Center 7:15pm - Pizza 7:45pm Meeting  
October 13, 2019 - Columbus Day Parade

### November

November 6, 2019 - Support the Military 7pm - @ Hicksville Community Center  
November 12, 2019 - Double Meeting - @ Hicksville Community Center  
7pm - Council - 7:30pm Pizza - 7:45 Meeting  
November 19, 2019 - Nite at the Races - 7pm - @ Hicksville Community Center

### December

December 3, 2019 - Council Meeting - @ Hicksville Community Center 7pm  
December 10, 2019-General Meeting-@ Hicksville Community Center 7:15pm Pizza- 7:45pm Meeting  
December 19, 2019 - Annual Christmas Party!



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