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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Brother and Sisters,

Say your good-byes to yesterday, tomorrow is knocking at the door. The last of lazy days of Summer are gone and Fall is upon us once more. Each new season brings a new beginning and new challenges for you and me.

Looking back at the many improvements we have made to the Lodge, I would like to thank Claudio DiIorio for the fine work he did on the new stone pillars at the entrance to the property and for the new stone steps leading to the lodge, Fil Cerminara for his donation of lights for the stone pillars and for over the bar in the lounge and Joe LoStocco for everything he has done in the building of the new Bocce Courts.

Although this years festival is over, it will not soon be forgotten. The Italian flag painted on Christopher Columbus Avenue for the festival remains, thanks to the efforts of Tom Felicissimo and his nephew Adam who not only painted the flag over the double yellow line but also provided the materials and labor. This year, Gelato was added to the dessert menu and was completely sold out by Sunday. More vendors were also added this year.

Looking ahead, I have appointed Elizabeth Shannon (Italian name is LoStocco) to head up the House Committee. Her committee's first project will be the Columbus Day Dinner/Dance. They have promised a fantastic dinner and music to dance the night away. I hope to see you all there. This year we will be honoring Italy with a celebration of the 150th anniversary of its independence.

In closing, I pray that everyone survived Hurricane Irene with little or no damage and to remember that we are all one extended family of Brothers and Sisters. May God bless you one and all.

Fraternally yours,
Bruno Tropeano

CURRENT EVENTS

TUESDAY PASTA NIGHT

- As the weather has gotten warmer, more people have been coming to Pasta Night. We are now averaging between 50 and 70 dinners each week. Unfortunately, only two or three members are taking advantage of this fabulous offer.
- In addition to our all the Pasta, salad and bread you want, we also have coffee plus a great view from our deck.
- All this and a fully stocked bar where you can get your low cost drinks.
- Call 203-748-9956 for information and for large table reservations; otherwise just walk in.

Where else can you get an inexpensive dinner and enjoy the company of family and friends for this price?

**\$8.00 Per Person
Children under 10 Free**

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
SUMMER HOURS
6:00 PM—8:00 PM**

BARTENDERS WANTED

The Lodge is looking for Members who would like to volunteer their time to serve as Bartenders in the Lounge. If you have ever wondered what it was like on the other side of a bar, now is your chance to find out. Experience is nice, but we will train you. We are looking for people who might be interested in working two or three evenings a month to help out at the bar. For more information, call Anthony Terrasi at 203-746-1500

CORPORATION NEWS

Since the last newsletter, many of the projects we spoke about have been completed. Some are still being worked on and other have yet to start. The status of the second phase of the project now underway is as follows:

- Relocating the Gazebo in front of the new pavilion. (The structure was so bad it had to be destroyed.)
- Replacing the railings around the lodge. (This will begin sometime in the Fall.)
- Rebuilding the stone entrance and repainting the lions on top (it took four men to move the Lions). (Completed with new lights donated by F&M Electric.)
- New stone steps leading to the main entrance of the lodge. (Completed thanks to Claudio.)
- A new pavilion for the Bocce Courts. (Currently underway, hope to complete the structure by the end of month.)

Other projects that have been completed so far include: New Bathrooms, new countertop for the bar, new mat for behind the bar, new lights behind the bar, and repainting the lounge

LODGE MEETINGS 7:30 PM

- Lodge meetings are held every second Thursday of the month except in August.
- The meetings start at 7:30 pm in the meeting room below the lounge.
- We have over 300 members and we usually see about 30. We need your input to our organization, so we invite you to our next meeting. We also need volunteers for various committees and projects. Call Bruno Tropeano at 512-2792 if you are interested in assisting us.

PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

Quarterly 50/50 Raffle

The winner of the 3rd Quarter 50/50 Raffle was Daniel Grosso of Bethel who won \$300.00. Dan has been a member of the Lodge for over 11 years. Congratulations Dan.

Attached are tickets for the next raffle as well as an envelope to return your tickets and money. The drawing will be held on October 13th at the Monthly Meeting. Thank you for everyone who supported the raffle.

Newsletter Sponsor Ads

To help offset the cost of the Newsletter, we have solicited sponsor ads for the back cover. I would like to thank everyone who took out an ad and ask all members to support them whenever possible. If you would like to advertise your business or product, there is always room for more advertising space.

COLUMBUS DAY DINNER/DANCE

Date: Saturday, October 8, 2011

Place: Anthony's Lake Club

Time: 6:30 PM—11:30 PM

Price: \$65.00 per person

This year we are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Italian Independence when the two separate Italy's became one country. To help celebrate the evening, we will start with Italian hors d'oeuvres, followed by a five course dinner, dessert and coffee, an open bar, plus music to dance and sing to. See Attached flyer for complete details.

For tickets and table setups: call Elizabeth Shannon at 203-948-2950.

ANNUAL ITALIAN FESTIVAL

This years Festival was held on August 5th, 6th, and 7th. From the music of the "Tony T. Orchestra" with a tribute to Frank Sinatra on Friday, to "Sonny Sings" doing Classic Italian songs on Saturday, to Angelo and his Mandolin on Sunday, everyone who came greatly enjoyed themselves. This year the Lodge set up a special Desert Tent which served tempting pastries, imported Italian Gelato, Espresso Coffee, and Manhattan Special Espresso Coffee Soda. In addition there were also Pizza Fritta and Zeppoles. Both the Gelato and Zeppoles sold out before the end of the Festival. This year we had four vendor booths selling everything from Jewelry, to Caps, to Sausage Bread, to Specialty Italian Souvenirs. If you were lucky enough to come, you can still smell the sausage cooking on the grill and the taste of all the food you ate. If you missed it, don't worry, next years' festival is just around the corner. So mark your calendars for August 3, 4, & 5, 2012.

PHOTOGRAHS WANTED

The Amerigo Vespucci Lodge #160 was established in 1925. Since then, we have been in four different buildings from Main Street to Elm Street to finally ending up where we are today. We are now trying to put together a photo album showing all of the buildings we have called home over the years and any other significant pictures that past or current members may have. The purpose of the album is to show the progress we have made in the last 85 years.

Please call Bruno Tropeano, 203-512-2792 if you have any pictures to donate or loan to us for the album. Pictures, flyers, books and anything else showing our history may also be dropped off at the Lodge on Tuesday nights during Pasta or at a Monthly Meeting.

2011 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

On June 22, 2011 at a special Award Dinner, the Amerigo Vespucci Lodge gave out 9 Scholarship awards totaling \$7,250.00. This brings the total Scholarship money given out in the last 15 years to \$107,250.00.

The following are the recipients of this years' Awards:

- Catherine Johnson—\$1,000 (Carmen J. Cerullo Award), Granddaughter of Robert Simonelli.
- Ryan O'Donnell—\$1,000 (Ruth Arbitelle Award), Grandson of Levi Newsome.
- Jordan Butler—1,000, Granddaughter of Anthony Sacco.
- Haley Manochi—\$1,000, Granddaughter of Ena Manochi.
- Nicolette Cappiello—\$1,000, Granddaughter of Matthew Cappiello.
- Nicholas Walters—\$750, Grandson of Anthony Borrello.
- Anthony Spaziani—\$500, Grandson of Robert Simonelli.
- Alexandra Sweeney—\$500, Granddaughter of Frank Cappiello.
- Andrew Sweeney—\$500, Grandson of Frank Cappiello.

We congratulate all of the recipients and wish them and their families the best of luck and success in the future.

Attention : Ladies

Would you like to
form a

**Wii Bowling
Fall League ?**

**(Indoor Bowling with
the Wii TV Game)**

**Tentative Startup
Date : September 19**

**Location: Amerigo
Vespucci Lodge**

**Time : 2-4pm
(Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday)**

**For more detailed in-
formation please call :**

Kay Perna : (203) 730-9493

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Any suggestions for the newsletter? Please contact John DeBenedetto (203) 733-2471

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge #160

Quarterly 50/50 Drawing—13 October 2011

(TO REDUCE OPERATING EXPENSES—Make copies for Friends/Family)

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