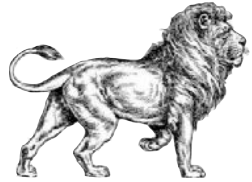


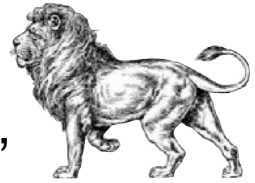
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A photograph of a lemon orchard with a stone path leading through rows of lemon trees. The lemons are bright yellow and ripe. The background shows rolling hills under a blue sky.

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America Lodge's mission is to celebrate our Italian culture and heritage by honoring our ancestors' visions of promoting, educating, supporting our members, and giving back to our communities. Joining together we create excitement, strengthen our bonds and advance the image of Italians everywhere.

President's Message



Welcome to August, or the "dog days" of summer! Did you know we can credit Italy or the Romans for the phrase? The Romans, who would keep track of the seasons by looking up at the sky, noted the star Sirius, which was also known as the "dog star" because it made up the nose of the constellation and was shaped like a dog, would appear in the sky just before the sun. This occurred near the end of July and marked the beginning of the hottest days of the year. The Romans referred to this period as "*dies caniculares*" or "days of the dog star," which was eventually translated to just "dog days." Today we know it as those 40 days from July 3-August 11. All of that to say, hopefully your gardens are doing well despite all the heat. Check out this issue of your newsletter for some gardening inspiration. August is one of my favorite garden months because the figs will finally ripen and are ready to eat...

But let's talk about July!!

That sea of America Lodge red flooded Eisenhower Park during the Italian Night celebration. Our very own **Lisa Spano** in a lovely red gown flowed to the stage to receive a Citation for her numerous contributions and outstanding efforts. A special thanks to National Trustee, past New York Grand Lodge and America Lodge President Carolyn Reres for her efforts in making the night a tremendous success.

Our special July "meeting" was in honor of America's 250th anniversary and America Lodge had a good old-fashioned BBQ for our members. We had to move everything inside because of the heat and Canadian wildfire smoke, but I don't think anyone minded the air conditioning. If I must say so myself, the evening was a HUGE success; not only did we eat and drink, but everyone had a great time mingling and socializing with each other. A special thanks to everyone that helped put it together and especially the BBQ pit masters for doing all the cooking outside. This event featured our new "sponsored by" signs and the night was made extra special by the very generous donation from **John Koziarz and R.J. Mechanical**. Check out some of the photos on page 13. I love how the photos are superimposed on the American flag. That's the work of New York's best Newsletter Editor- our very own Donna Johnson. Thank you all!

Now that America is 250 years old, we will continue our quest to become **250 members strong!!** On Thursday July 16th we were able to set up a membership tent at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel feast in Franklin Square. Thank you to **Bruno Caracciolo** for making the arrangements and **Society President Anthony Falcone** for allowing us to set up. We were actually able to sign-up one new member as well as talked to many people that were interested in joining America Lodge. We are on our way to reaching our 250-member goal by the end of the year. Please keep inviting your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to our meetings and events. America Lodge is the place where..."friends become family."

Did you enjoy our **annual fishing trip**? A special thanks to our sponsors **Bruno and Nancie Caracciolo** and **Franklin Funeral Home** for their very generous donation. Congratulations to **Shaun Lynch** for landing the **BIGGEST catch**. You can see him and his prize-winning catch in your award-winning newsletter. Chairperson **Michael Avallone** once again did an incredible job of planning, organizing and scheduling the most perfect day to be on the water with your Lodge family. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this event.

What are you doing on **September 19th**? America Lodge is holding our **annual picnic** at the Plattduetsche Park bier garden in Franklin Square. See the flier for more information. Our summer fun is far from over... come and join us!

Please keep an eye on your mailboxes- our **2026 dinner dance invitations** will be going out. The event will be held on October 18th at Leonard's Palazzo. This year's honorees are America Lodge past District Deputy Anthony Vasaturo, and America Lodge members **Marie Geneva Frank, Cindy Lampasi, and Lisa Teitz**. This is our premier event, and it keeps getting better each year! For our new members you can see photos from last year's event on our website by clicking [here](#). Its truly an exceptional event and we really hope to see everyone there. Lastly, please support the **St.Catherine of Sienna Parish Outreach/St. Vincent de Paul "Back to School" supplies drive**. Drop off your items at our August 19th General meeting.

Stay cool and I'll see you at our next event if not before.

Fraternally,
Joe



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August

Editor's Message

Dear Friends,

I've always said if I could choose one month to live in all year long, it would be August.

August has always been my favorite month. It reminds me of fields of golden sunflowers stretching toward the sky, the bright, sunny flavor of fresh lemons, and all the simple joys that make summer so special. It's also my birthday month, so perhaps I'm a little biased—but I think August has a magic all its own!

In Italy, August means **Ferragosto**, one of the country's most treasured holidays. It's a time for gathering with family and friends, sharing wonderful food, and simply enjoying life. Isn't that what being Italian is all about?

This issue is filled with the flavors and traditions of an Italian summer. You'll discover the story behind Ferragosto, along with **A Taste of Ferragosto**, featuring a refreshing Lemon Granita recipe that's perfect for these warm August afternoons.

If you're anything like me, you've probably been admiring your vegetable garden lately. Tomatoes are ripening by the

basketful, zucchini seem to appear overnight, peppers are glowing with color, and the figs are beginning to sweeten in the summer sun. There's something deeply satisfying about harvesting what we've nurtured and bringing it to the table to share with those we love.

We're also honored to feature an article on **Saint John (Don) Bosco**, whose joyful approach to faith, education, and recreation gave rise to the tradition of the summer camp, or **oratorio estivo**. His legacy reminds us that community, laughter, and learning are gifts to be treasured at every age.

As August unfolds, I hope you'll find time to enjoy the sunshine, gather around the table with family and friends, savor the season's harvest, and appreciate life's simple gifts. Like a field of sunflowers always reaching for the light and the bright freshness of a lemon on a warm summer day, may this month bring you joy, gratitude, and plenty of reasons to smile.

Buon Ferragosto, happy August...and if you'll indulge me, happy birthday to me!

Con affetto,
Your Editor
Donna

The Lion's Roar Newsletter
2023 Best Newsletter Award
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Membership Corner

At our July 15th General Meeting we celebrated America's 250th anniversary with a wonderful summer BBQ therefore we did not hold an installation of new members. But we did hold a Membership drive at the Lady of Mt. Carmel feast and had someone fill out a membership application as well as receive several inquiries. We are still celebrating our Country's 250th birthday and we are well on our way to growing America Lodge #2245 to 250 members. ❤️💚❤️ Thank you to all who have sponsored a new member or who have invited friends, family, co-workers or neighbors to any of our events to see what America Lodge is all about! One visit to an event, and it's easy to see that we are AMERICA LODGE...WHERE FRIENDS BECOME FAMILY!

Let's keep the momentum going by spreading the word about America Lodge! Talk to your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers about joining our *famiglia*—new members are the heartbeat of a vibrant and thriving Lodge. If you know someone who may be interested, visit our website www.americallodge2245.com/Membership for a membership application or contact Jo Maggio for membership information.

Check out our Website and Facebook page! We post photos of our meetings and events, provide informative posts on our Italian Culture and Heritage and keep our members informed about Lodge and local events! Come log on and see what we're up to!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 11, America Lodge's Il Dolce Libro "2-fer" Book Club event. Contact Mary Sperrazza for details!
- September 19 America Lodge Annual Picnic in the Park. Contact Maria Passalacqua for tickets!
- October 10, LI OSDIA District I and II LI Columbus Day Parade, Deer Park Lake Ave Firehouse.
- October 18 America Lodge Annual Anniversary Dinner Dance. Contact Karen Mollish for tickets!
- November 7 America Lodge Casino trip to Windbreak Casino. SOLD OUT.
- November 9th, 7:30 pm, America Lodge hosts "A Night at the Opera: Giacomo Puccini's Tosca!" SOLD OUT!

visit <https://www.americallodge2245.com/events> for Lodge events and details!

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PRAISE FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER

"Good morning Donna & Mark, Congratulations on the Best Editor award! I think we are the envy of everyone! I honestly don't know how you do it, each month our Newsletter is filled with articles and beautiful things to read about our wonderful Italian heritage! Continued success in all your endeavors! "~Jo Raia

"I enjoyed reading July's Newsletter!
~Andrew Monteleone

GOOD & WELFARE

Get Well Soon...

Karen Mollish
Marie Geneva Frank
Bryan Lynch

Congratulations

Jo Raia on the engagement
of her grandson!



When August arrives in Italy, there is one holiday that everyone looks forward to. **Ferragosto** is celebrated each year on **August 15**. For Italians, and especially for many Sicilian families, Ferragosto is much more than a holiday. It is a time to gather with loved ones, enjoy delicious food, celebrate local traditions, and savor the warmth and beauty of the Mediterranean summer.

The history of Ferragosto dates back more than 2,000 years to ancient Rome, when Emperor Augustus established a period of rest following the summer harvest. Centuries later, the holiday became associated with the Catholic Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Today, Ferragosto beautifully blends Italy's ancient history, religious traditions, and strong emphasis on family.

In Sicily, Ferragosto is often celebrated with a day at the beach. Families arrive early in the morning carrying umbrellas, folding chairs, coolers, and enough food to feed everyone. It is common to spend the entire day by the sea, swimming, playing games, sharing stories, and enjoying long meals together. As the sun sets, many beaches come alive with music, fireworks, and festive gatherings.

Food plays a central role in every Sicilian Ferragosto celebration. Tables are filled with seasonal favorites such as grilled swordfish, fresh seafood, pasta dishes, eggplant prepared in countless ways, vine-ripened tomatoes, olives, local cheeses, and crusty Italian bread. Sweet treats like cannoli, cassata, granita, fresh watermelon, peaches, figs, and homemade desserts complete the feast. Every family has its own treasured recipes passed down through generations.

Many Sicilian towns also celebrate with colorful religious processions honoring the Feast of the Assumption, while local festivals—or **sagre**—showcase the region's agricultural bounty. Music fills village squares, church bells ring, fireworks light up the night sky, and neighbors gather to celebrate together. These traditions reflect Sicily's deep sense of faith, hospitality, and community.

For Sicilians, Ferragosto is about more than food and festivities. It is a reminder to slow down, appreciate family and friends, and enjoy life's simple pleasures. Whether gathered around a backyard table here at home or along the shores of the Mediterranean, the spirit of Ferragosto continues to connect generations of Italian families around the world.

This August, may we celebrate not only a holiday, but also the rich Sicilian heritage that continues to unite our community.

Buon Ferragosto! May your August be filled with family, friendship, good health, and plenty of wonderful Italian food.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In many parts of Sicily, families leave home before sunrise to claim the best spot on the beach.
- Ferragosto is considered the unofficial peak of the Italian summer vacation season.
- The word *Ferragosto* comes from the Latin *Feriae Augusti*, meaning "the Festivals of Augustus."
- Many Sicilian villages celebrate with fireworks, live music, and religious processions honoring the Assumption of Mary.



A TASTE OF FERRAGOSTO: SICILIAN GRANITA AL LIMONE



Nothing says summer in Sicily quite like a refreshing Granita al Limone. Made with just a handful of simple ingredients, this icy lemon treat has been cooling Sicilians for generations. Traditionally served in a chilled glass — and often accompanied by a warm, sweet brioche — it is the perfect way to celebrate Ferragosto and the height of summer.

Ingredients

- * 2 cups water
- * $\frac{3}{4}$ cup granulated sugar
- * 1 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice (about 5–6 lemons)
- * 1 tablespoon finely grated lemon zest (optional, for extra flavor)



Directions

1. In a small saucepan, combine the water and sugar. Heat over medium heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves completely. Do not boil. Remove from the heat and allow the syrup to cool completely.
2. Stir the fresh lemon juice and, if desired, the lemon zest into the cooled syrup.
3. Pour the mixture into a shallow freezer-safe dish.
4. Freeze for about 3 to 4 hours, stirring and scraping the mixture with a fork every 30 to 45 minutes. This creates the light, fluffy crystals that give granita its signature texture.
5. When fully frozen and flaky, scoop into chilled glasses and garnish with a thin lemon slice or a sprig of fresh mint.

Serving Suggestion

In Sicily, Granita al Limone is often enjoyed with a soft, lightly sweetened brioche for breakfast or as an afternoon treat. It is also a refreshing dessert after a summer meal.

Buon appetito!

DID YOU KNOW?

Granita is believed to have originated in Sicily over a thousand years ago. Its earliest form was made by mixing snow collected from Mount Etna with fruit juices and honey. Today, lemon granita remains one of Sicily's most beloved summer specialties and is especially popular during Ferragosto celebrations.



A Tour of Italy Through its Sagre

If you've ever visited Italy during the summer or early autumn, you may have come across signs announcing a **Sagra**. More than just a festival, a *sagra* is a celebration of a community's traditions, local foods, and heritage.

The word **sagra** comes from the Latin *sacrum*, meaning "sacred." Many sagre began centuries ago as religious feast days honoring a town's patron saint. Over time, these celebrations grew to include music, dancing, crafts, and, of course, delicious regional food. One of the joys of traveling through Italy is discovering its sagre—local festivals that celebrate the foods, traditions, and agricultural treasures that make each region unique. While every town has its own special celebration, here are a few of Italy's best-known sagre.

Sicily - Sagra del Limone

In Sicily, lemons are more than a crop—they're a symbol of the island itself. During lemon festivals, visitors enjoy fresh lemonade, lemon granita, pastries, seafood dishes flavored with local citrus, and artisan products made from fragrant Sicilian lemons. Music, folk dancing, and colorful street markets create a festive atmosphere that reflects Sicily's warm hospitality.

Tuscany - Chestnut Festivals

As autumn arrives, many Tuscan hill towns celebrate the chestnut harvest with Sagra della Castagna (Chestnut Festivals). Visitors can sample roasted chestnuts, chestnut cakes, fresh pasta made with chestnut flour, honey, local wines, and handmade crafts. These festivals celebrate a food that once sustained mountain communities through the winter.

Umbria - Mushroom Festivals

Known as Italy's "Green Heart," Umbria is famous for its forests and wild mushrooms. During local mushroom festivals, chefs prepare risotto, pasta, soups, and grilled meats featuring freshly harvested porcini mushrooms. The celebrations often include cooking demonstrations, local wines, and outdoor concerts.

Piedmont - Grape & Wine Festivals

Home to some of Italy's finest vineyards, Piedmont celebrates the grape harvest each fall with festivals honoring wine, food, and rural traditions. Visitors enjoy wine tastings, vineyard tours, traditional music, and local specialties such as truffles, cheeses, and hazelnut desserts. These celebrations mark the beginning of the annual harvest known as *la vendemmia*.

Emilia-Romagna - Onion Festival

The town of Medicina, near Bologna, is well known for its Sagra della Cipolla (Onion Festival). Local cooks prepare everything from soups and savory tarts to pasta dishes featuring the region's famous sweet onions. Farmers' markets, artisan booths, and live entertainment make it a favorite community event.

Calabria - Pepper Festival

Calabria proudly celebrates its famous chili peppers with festivals featuring spicy sausages, pasta dishes, local cheeses, and regional specialties. Cooking contests, music, dancing, and artisan vendors showcase the bold flavors and vibrant traditions of southern Italy.

Whether celebrating lemons in Sicily, chestnuts in Tuscany, mushrooms in Umbria, grapes in Piedmont, onions in Emilia-Romagna, or peppers in Calabria, every sagra has one thing in common: bringing people together. These festivals honor the harvest, preserve family traditions, support local farmers and artisans, and remind us that in Italy, sharing a meal is one of life's greatest pleasures. They are celebrations of community, hospitality, and pride in the unique character of each region. Perhaps that's why sagre continue to thrive after hundreds of years—they nourish not only the body but also the spirit.

What makes a sagra so special isn't just the food—it's the sense of community. Neighbors volunteer to prepare meals, local farmers and artisans share the fruits of their labor, and generations gather to preserve traditions that have been passed down for centuries. A sagra is a reminder that food has always been at the heart of Italian family life, bringing people together to celebrate friendship, faith, and gratitude.

For many Italian Americans, these festivals evoke memories of hometown celebrations, family gatherings, and recipes lovingly handed down through the generations. Whether in a small Sicilian village or here in our own community, the spirit of a sagra lives on whenever people come together to share good food, good company, and the joy of Italian heritage.

Saint Don Bosco: The Saint Who Believed Summer Should Be Filled with Joy

As August arrives, many of us think of summer traditions—family vacations, community gatherings, and, of course, **summer camps**. For generations of young people around the world, the spirit of summer camp has been shaped by an extraordinary Italian whose legacy continues to inspire educators and youth leaders today: **Saint John Bosco**, affectionately known as Don Bosco.



Born in 1815 in the Piedmont region of Italy, Don Bosco dedicated his life to helping poor and disadvantaged children during a time of great social change. As cities grew during the Industrial Revolution, many young people found themselves without guidance, education, or stable homes. Don Bosco saw their potential and devoted himself to giving them not only practical skills but also hope, friendship, and a sense of belonging.

What made Don Bosco different was his belief that young people learn best in an atmosphere of joy. He understood that games, music, sports, theater, and laughter were not distractions from education—they were essential parts of it. He often said that happiness and holiness could go hand in hand.

This philosophy became the foundation of what is now known as the Preventive System, an approach built on three simple principles: reason, religion, and loving-kindness. Rather than relying on strict discipline or punishment, Don Bosco encouraged adults to guide young people through respect, encouragement, and positive relationships. His famous belief that "it is not enough to love the young; they must know that they are loved" continues to influence teachers, coaches, counselors, and parents around the world.

Today, Don Bosco's spirit lives on in the work of the Salesians, the religious community he founded in 1859. Salesian schools, youth centers, and summer camps can be found on nearly every continent, serving children of every background.

If you've ever attended a camp where counselors joined in the games, where evenings ended with songs around a campfire or a thoughtful reflection, where teamwork was valued more than winning, and where every child was encouraged to discover their unique gifts, you've experienced something that echoes Don Bosco's vision. His famous "Good Night Talk"—a short message of encouragement shared at the close of each day—is still a cherished tradition at many Salesian camps.

August, the heart of summer, is a fitting time to remember this remarkable Italian saint. While many of us associate camp with swimming, hiking, crafts, and outdoor adventures, Don Bosco reminds us that the greatest memories often come from friendship, kindness, and mentors who believed in us. His message is just as meaningful today as it was more than 150 years ago: every young person deserves to be welcomed, encouraged, and given the opportunity to grow in an environment filled with joy.

As families enjoy the final weeks of summer and children return home with stories of camp adventures and new friendships, we can appreciate the enduring legacy of Don Bosco—an Italian whose love for young people has touched millions of lives and continues to inspire generations around the world.

Buona estate, and may we all carry a little of Don Bosco's joyful spirit with us throughout the season.

Sources: Salesians of Don Bosco (U.S. and Worldwide), Vatican resources on St. John Bosco, and Memoirs of the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales by St. John Bosco.



AMERICA LODGE #2245 Annual Fishing Trip July 25, 2026



Thank you to Chairperson Michael Avallone, our Fishing trip sponsor Franklin Funeral Home and Bruno & Nancie Caracciolo and all members, family, and friends of America Lodge #2245 for a wonderful event!

ITALIAN NIGHT AT EISENHOWER PARK July 13, 2026



Congratulations
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Rossana Weitekamp
This type of basil is called Basilico a Foglia di Lattuga and it is perfect for making pesto.



Andrew Monteleone



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AMERICA LODGE

Shows us their Gardens!

Silvana Apicella



Joe Armocida



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Donna Johnson





Our **America Lodge Mah Jongg** group has become a wonderful success story! Thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of one of our America Lodge members **Lisa Teitz**, what started as a small gathering has grown to **26 players**. Along the way, she has introduced many of these new friends to our America Lodge family, helping our lodge grow while creating lasting friendships. It's a perfect example of how shared interests bring people together, both around the Mah Jongg table and within our Italian community.

Interested in playing Mah Jongg? Contact Lisa Teitz for information!

UPCOMING MAH JONGG DATES:

August 4th, 18th, 25th.



America Lodge #2245
Il Dolce Libro Book Club



Summer Book Club "two-fer" event
Tuesday, August 11th

First, we are going to the beach (Lido west) at 10:00 am to discuss our summer read *"Theo of Golden"* by Allen Levi. Then, at 6:30 pm, we'll meet at Averill Park for a fun *"Theo of Golden"* themed art class run by one of our book club members!

Come to one or both but you have to be a **BOOK CLUB MEMBER** to attend!

Join the Il Dolce Libro Book Club today to enjoy this and our other wonderful and fun upcoming Book Club events!

Contact Mary Sperrazza
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America Lodge #2245
55th Anniversary Dinner Dance



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 and
America Lodge members
Marie Geneva Frank, Cindy Lampasi,
and Lisa Teitz

Save the Date
Sunday, October 18th, 2026
12-5:00pm
Leonard's Palazzo, Northern Blvd, Great Neck

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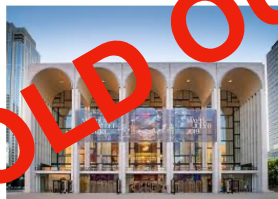
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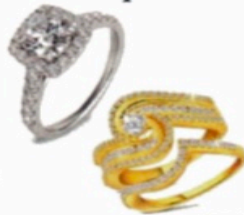
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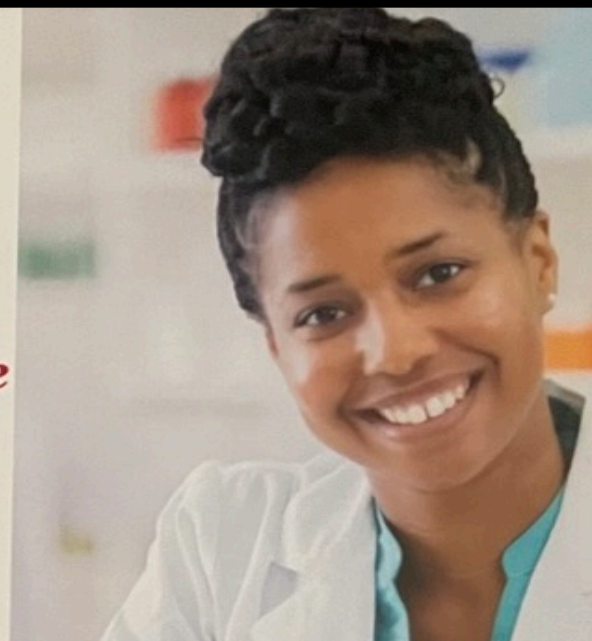
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