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# The Da Vinci V • O • I • C • E

\* Lodge #2841 \*

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Wednesday, Mar. 26, 2008
- Wednesday, Apr. 23, 2008
- Wednesday, May. 28, 2008
- Wednesday, June 25, 2008

*Executive Meetings take place  
the week before these dates.*

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

*You can renew your membership at  
our next meeting or call Paul  
Pontrelli at 561-477-3302 or John  
Dragone at 561-414-1092.*

*Your membership is important!*

### ADVERTISING RATES

Full Page .....	\$300.
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### DUES & MEMBERSHIP

The Leonardo da Vinci Lodge #2841 holds general membership meetings on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Peter Blum YMCA located at 6631 Palmetto Circle South in Boca Raton, Florida. Refreshments and socialization follow each meeting. Please come and experience congeniality "Italian-Style". Annual dues are \$60. (\$5./per person per month) Paul Pontrelli at 561-477-3302 or John Dragone at 561-414-1092.

The Sons of Italy is a national fraternal non-profit organization with 575,000 members. Among the objectives of our benevolent organization, are the desires to make donations to charitable institutions and causes, provide scholarships to worthy individuals and to encourage the dissemination of Italian culture in the U.S.

### MESSAGE FROM The President...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
First on behalf of myself and my wife Rita, I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter to you and your family.

As you will notice in the newsletter we have been very busy putting together many activities and functions for our members to enjoy. At this time I would like to give a special thank to our Social Chairman, Bill Petraglia and co-chairman Ken Miller for the hours we spent to schedule events for the coming year.

Brothers and Sisters we have all committed ourselves to be involved into raising money for the charities, to keep our Italian heritage alive and to make new friends in the community that we live in, but we are getting very little participation from the membership. It is very difficult to get any participation, volunteers from the membership or any reaction from the members attending the meetings. We had to cancel the Valentine's Dance, which everyone agreed to have, because we could not get enough sales for the tickets. This was a great disappointment to everyone involved in getting this dance together. If we are going to keep this lodge going, and to be able to make the donations to charities and help out our fellow Italians, this accomplishment can not be done by just a hand full of people, we need to have help from all members, from the president to the last member that just joined our lodge.



Frank Giacalone

If anyone has any ideas or comments on how to better achieve any task, please email me or call me at 561-470-1149, any response is better then none response.

We talk about our Jewish brothers and sisters who accomplish so many great tasks, they do this because they support and help each other, and this one thing that us as Italians do not know how to do.

We have a Fashion Show planned for April 5th. This is your chance to show us that you are part of this lodge, by purchasing and bringing your family and friends to a fun day and to help support the Alzheimer's, Cooley's Anemia and the Cancer Societies. A lot of time and work went into planning this special event so please purchase tickets so we can make a big donation from the Leonardo Da Vinci lodge. Please call our chairperson Diane Martire at 561-883-9756.

Hope to see everyone at our next general meeting which is March 26th.

*Lets all work together!*

**Frank Giacalone  
PRESIDENT**

**PHOTOS FROM OUR LAST GENERAL MEETING**  
**February 27, 2008**



*Diane Spoltore - President of the Dominic Gentile lodge of Coral Springs, FL. and the State Deputy of the Leonardo DaVinci lodge of Boca Raton, presents our lodge's new charter to President Frank Giacalone and 1st Vice President, Bill Petraglia at our general meeting.*



*Trustee Bob Magaletti of the Leonardo DaVince lodge explains the workings of the new internet website he installed for the lodge members at the general meeting. Bob stated that the website can be accessed at: [davincilodge.com](http://davincilodge.com)*

*Italian Language Lessons:*



*Approximately 15 Lodge members are enjoying instruction in the Italian language with Signora Maestra, Louise Petraglia. Our Lodge is fortunate to have Louise among its many talented members, and she is helping to keep alive la piu' bella lingua.*

*Italian Proverbs and Idioms*  
*... from Sister, Louise Petraglia*

**Chi trova un amico, trova un tesoro**  
*(He who finds a friend finds a treasure).*

**Lascia stare** *(Forget about it),*  
*or in New Yorkese, fu gedda bout it!*

**Did you know?**

The modern calendar was first proposed by a Calabrian astronomer, Luigi Lilio (1510-76), and was made official by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582. It is known as the Gregorian Calendar and is universally followed.

America's Founding Fathers borrowed heavily from the the ancient Roman Republic's ideas on government when they drafted the United States Constitution in 1787.

**PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS**

**JANUARY MEETING:** Lodge member, **Dr. Anthony Di Perna**, gave a talk on Joe Di Maggio (1914-1999), one of baseball's greatest players. His accomplishments on-and-off the field were highlighted especially his still-unbroken record of hitting in 56 straight games, and also, the dignity with which he conducted his personal life. Tony recounted Di Maggio's family background as the son of Sicilian immigrants who settled in the San Francisco Bay area. During his 13 years with the NY Yankees, Di Maggio led the team to nine World Series championships. Tony sprinkled his discussion with personal recollections of the times he saw Di Maggio play at Yankee Stadium. The talk included the story of Di Maggio's brief marriage to movie star, Marilyn Monroe, her tragic death and the dignified funeral he arranged. Next, we learned that Di Maggio was a great role model for young Italian-American boys, and what an outstanding representative he was for our ethnic group at a time when it faced discrimination. Finally, Tony related Di Maggio's key role in the development of the highly-regarded Joe Di Maggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Florida. Certainly, all Americans can be proud of this son of Italian immigrants.

**FEBRUARY MEETING:** brought us another interesting story about Italians. Our guest speaker, **Dr. Salvatore La Gumina**, *Director of Italian-American Studies at Nassau Community College, NY*, gave us a picture of the major contributions our ancestors made to America's World War II victory. His presentation, based on his recent book, *The Humble and the Heroic*, informed us that Italian-Americans who were not citizens were declared as "enemy aliens" at the war's start because Italy was an ally of Germany and Japan. Severe restrictions were placed on those non-citizens. However, before long, the loyalty of all Italian-Americans was proven by their many contributions to the war effort. Many worked in major defense industries, and more importantly, hundreds of thousands served in the Armed Forces. Several became famous for acts of heroism such as Marine Sgt. John Basilone and Army Air Corps pilot, Don Gentile. It was during World War II that 2nd and 3rd generation Italian-Americans proved that they were proud to be patriotic Americans. Generations that followed are deeply indebted to them. All this came to light in Dr. La Gumina's inspiring talk for which our members expressed their appreciation.



*Dr. Salvatore J. LaGumina, Professor Emeritus and Director of the Center for Italian-American studies at Nassau Community College, Long Island, New York being congratulated on an excellent presentation at the last general meeting of the Leonardo DaVinci lodge. His presentation focused on the role of Italian-Americans in this country during World War 2.*

**Future Speakers:** At our March meeting, Michael Solomon will discuss the theme of his book, *Where Did My America Go?* The role of Italian-American values will be part of the talk. Our April speaker will be Palm Beach County Sheriff, Ric Bradshaw, who will describe the work of his department as it impacts the life of our communities.

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# Fashion Show Luncheon



**Saturday, April 5th**  
**11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

DONATION: \$40.00 Per Person

*Proceeds to be donated to  
Cooleys Anemia, American Cancer Society  
and Alzheimers Society*



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## BECOME A BOOSTER!!

*We will be including a section in our newsletters to not only allow our members the opportunity to advertise, but to help support our Lodge by becoming Boosters. These boosters are \$10.00 each and can include one or two lines to say whatever you'd like, for example: Birthday or Anniversay Wishes, In Memory of, or to support your lodge and include your names. Become an active supporter!*

Anthony P. DiPerna, Ph. D.

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Bob & Janet Magaletti

Joe Giacalone

Ken & Fran Miller

## Recipe Corner

# Chicken with Artichokes

3 CHICKEN BREASTS  
TARRAGON VINEGAR  
3 CANS OF ARTIHOKE HEARTS,  
cut in half and reserve 1/4 can of the liquid  
GARLIC, 3 cloves (sliced)  
PARSLEY  
FLOUR, EGG, BREAD CRUMBS

Cut Chicken Breast in 2" strips. Season the flour, egg and bread crumbs with salt and pepper. Dip chicken in flour first, then egg, and last the bread crumbs.

Fry chicken in a skillet on Medium-High. Cook only 3/4 (not fully cooked), remove and transfer to a separate dish. Slice garlic up and saute in fresh Olive Oil. Once garlic turns lightly brown, put the chicken back in the skillet where the garlic is. Try not to move chicken around too much because the chicken will come off the chicken.

Sprinkle 1/4 bottle of the Tarragon Vinegar over the chicken and add some fresh parsley. Add the artichokes and their liquid and put over top of chicken. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes, remove and serve.

*... Compliments of President Frank Giacalone*

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