

ITALEO Newsletter



<p>UPCOMING EVENT CHRISTMAS PARTY</p> <p>Saturday, December 7th Italian American Sports Club 1250 Buffalo Rd. Rochester, NY</p> <p><i>Doors Open at 5PM</i></p> <p><i>Appetizers 5-6PM</i> <i>Dinner 6:15PM</i></p> <p><i>Awards to follow</i></p>	<p>UPCOMING EVENT CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVENT WITH SANTA</p> <p>Sunday, December 22nd Italian American Sports Club 1250 Buffalo Rd. Rochester, NY</p> <p>Deadline December 9th CLICK HERE for details & to RSVP</p>	<p>PAY YOUR 2025 DUES MEMBERSHIP DUES</p> <p>Deadline is Saturday, March 1, 2025 to pay your annual dues. New members will receive a WELCOME EMAIL Membership Cards will be handed out at the March Meeting or mailed to those who are not in attendance.</p>
--	--	--



\$7,050 in Donations Made by ITALEO in 2024

*Part-time Officer Brad Steve, East Rochester PD, shot in the line of duty
 Lt. Chris Beach, Greece PD (prior to his death from cancer)
 Sgt. Thomas SanFratello, Genesee County Sheriff, line of duty death
 Ryan McPhee Annual Golf Tournament benefiting Camp Good Days & Special Times
 Irondequoit Nightstick Club Annual Golf Tournament
 Rochester Warhogs Motorcycle Club
 Angels of Mercy
 Erin Rogers, RPD, Special Olympics/2024 NYC Marathon
 Genesee Valley Concern of Police Survivors in memory of Officer Jamieson Ritter
 Det. Shane Riolo, Rome PD, victim of tornado
 Irondequoit Rotary Pasta Dinner Fundraiser
 Flower City Chaplains
 Locust Club
 Merklinger Family, RPD officer whose child is sick
 ARPALER Clam Bake
 Code 4 Alpha
 Deputy Cailee Campbell, Oswego County Sheriff, killed in car crash*

Annual Membership Recap - 2024

New Members = 31

SWORN	SWORN RETIRED	ASSOCIATE	ASSOCIATE RETIRED
9	1	16	5

Total Members = 214

SWORN	SWORN RETIRED	ASSOCIATE	ASSOCIATE RETIRED
44	71	61	38

So Many Veterans, Sew Little Time

On a cold, windy, rainy November day in Washington, DC a Veteran sat shivering in his wheelchair as he attended the celebration of the Marine Corps' 232nd Birthday at the Iwo Jima Memorial. Unable to find a blanket for the Veteran, Nancy VanApeldoorn realized she would turn this situation into something positive and the rest is history. That was in 2007 and since that time, Nancy and the Lap Robe volunteers have created service specific lap robes as their way of saying "Thank You for Your Service." Lap Robes for Veterans became a nonprofit organization with 501c3 status in 2015.

LapRobesForVeterans.com



President's Message:

With the holiday season upon us, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support of our mission to assist the law enforcement community. Your contributions have been vital in helping grow our organization and assisting officers and their families in need. As we anticipate the new year, let us remember the positive results we have achieved. Your commitment is truly impactful, and together we can continue to "support those who protect us." As always, stay healthy and safe.



EXECUTIVE BOARD**President***Jessica Franco***BOARD OF DIRECTORS****Vice President***Anthony DiFante***Treasurer***Charles Zona***Sgt at Arms***Mark D'Angelo***Secretary***Ed Bernabei***BOARD OF OFFICERS****Membership***Heidi Zimmer***Corresponding Secretary***Ellie Bonagura***Digital Coordinator***Rosalina Hosbach***Event Coordinator***Julia Sardellitti***Food & Beverage****Coordinator***Sam Meloni***Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree**

The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree is a large Christmas tree placed annually at Rockefeller Center, in Midtown Manhattan, New York City, United States. The tree is put in place in mid November and lit in a public ceremony on the Wednesday evening following Thanksgiving. Trees are traditionally donated to Rockefeller Center, which in turn donates the lumber after display.

The first Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center was erected in 1931, during the Depression-era construction of Rockefeller Center, when Italian-American workers decorated a smaller 20 foot (6.1 m) balsam fir with "strings of cranberries, garlands of paper, and even a few tin cans" on Christmas Eve. With the lighting of the 50-foot-tall (15 m) first official tree two years later, the tree became what Rockefeller Center dubbed "a holiday beacon for New Yorkers and visitors alike". A skating rink was opened below the tree in the plaza in 1936.

Since then, the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree has been a yearly tradition. Workers pooled their money for that unlit tree, with the garlands made by workers' families. According to Rockefeller Center's website, the tree was "from the beginning ... a gathering place and reflection of what was happening in the world around it"

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rockefeller_Center_Christmas_Tree



The Rockefeller Center Christmas tree has become a symbol of unity and shared experience for people around the world. Today, the tree is usually a Norwegian spruce from New York, Connecticut, or Pennsylvania. The tree lighting ceremony is broadcast on television and attracts an estimated 500,000 visitors each day.

What happens to the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree after the holidays?

Rockefeller Center usually selects a Norway Spruce as its holiday showstopper. Once the trees come down, the trunks are milled into two-by-four and two-by six beams that Tishman Speyer donates to Habitat.

The wood of a Norway Spruce is more flexible and durable than lumber for load-bearing walls and therefore is ideal for blocking — the filling, spacing, joining or reinforcing of frames — as well as for flooring, furniture and cabinetry. Lumber from Rockefeller Center Christmas trees has been used to help build Habitat homes from New York to Mississippi.

<https://www.habitat.org/stories/rockefeller-center-christmas-trees-journey-habitat-home#:~:text=In%201931%2C%20men%20working%20on,day%20during%20the%20holiday%20season>



Annual COPS Vigil
December 3, 2024
7:00 PM

Browncroft Community Church
2530 Browncroft Road



Save the date



Annual "Stand Up For The Blue"
Comedy Show Fundraiser
March 22, 2025



*Attention: Members with
Businesses*

If you'd like to promote your
organization, please forward your ad
or business information via email:

italeorochester@gmail.com

RECIPE CORNER

A Complete Guide To Italian Christmas Food

There's no better way to celebrate the season than with Italian Christmas foods. We may be a bit biased, but Natale is an exciting Italian holiday and the perfect occasion for cooking up some best-loved family recipes. From the deep fried baccalá and spaghetti with clams from Feast of the Seven Fishes to the memorable baked pasta dishes of Christmas Day, we have everything you need to create a traditional Italian Christmas in your kitchen.

FOR RECIPES & DETAILS VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:

<https://www.delallo.com/blog/italian-christmas-food#:~:text=In%20Southern%20and%20Central%20Italy,common%20Natale%20entr%C3%A9es%20worth%20celebrating.>

A traditional Italian Christmas dinner is something that anyone can appreciate! You'll find it all here on this list of Italian Christmas dinner ideas.

https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/food-cooking/meals-menu/g42165832/italian-christmas-dinner-ideas/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=mqu_ga_pw_md_pmx_hybd_mix_us_18891731492&gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQiA0MG5BhD1ARIsAEcZtwS1dBH2SwMXvB1oPI5kWAdZtPI0MuKZcZm24Hac5EBatD_1AHCd2AaAvIPEALw_wcB

Here, you'll find cozy Italian dinner recipes, like chicken saltimbocca, hearty lasagna, braised beef, and stuffed artichokes. Plus, there are plenty of ideas for a big Feast of the Seven Fishes (shrimp scampi and grilled lobster tails will do!). Of course, it wouldn't be an Italian-style feast without a mouth-watering selection of Christmas treats! Here, you'll find Christmas cookies, like pizzelle and cannoli, along with a traditional struffoli that's made with bite-sized fried dough tossed in honey. It'll have everyone at the table saying, "*Buon Natale!*"



**If you'd like to submit an Italian Recipe
to include in the next newsletter, please email us at:**

italeorochester@gmail.com