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**“THE JOHN DABBENE ITALIAN HERITAGE ESSAY CONTEST”**

*If you are a member in good standing in one of our local lodges and have a child, grandchild, niece or nephew who is either in the 7th or 8th grade or a high school senior, that child is eligible to enter our “**John Dabbene Italian Heritage Essay Contest.**”*

*A winner will be chosen from each district throughout the State from the 7th and 8th grade category, as well as from the high school senior category. Each winner will receive a \$200 award for his or her essay.*

*The local lodge president will be responsible for validating their member’s standing within the lodge by sending an email to the Chairperson, as indicated below, prior to submission of the essay.*

*Please refer to the attached packet of information for details on how to enter and what the exact requirements are.*

*All essays must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2022 and mailed to:*

**Geraldine Iannello Graham, Chairperson  
John Dabbene Italian Heritage Essay Contest  
53 Brookside Drive  
Smithtown, NY 11787**

*Questions and verification of membership can be emailed to  
[geraldine@sellarolodge.org](mailto:geraldine@sellarolodge.org).*