



La Bandiera



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The Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517
Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

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MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA

Felice Anno Nuovo

Happy New Year & Buon Anno Amici,

Wishing you all the blessings of this most beautiful season. As we move into this new year we are reminded of all the interesting and fun times we spent together in 2022. Let's turn the page and welcome the new year and all the promise it holds.

This past year was very busy and we have even more fun events and activities planned for 2023. We were pleased to see so many of you at the Christmas party. It was a fun night. We welcome our newest members, Barbara Bifareti and Wendy Lazarus and look forward to our January event. Come and join us for dinner and some laughs.

I wish you God's love, joy and peace to fill your hearts and home this coming year.

All the best, Dawn



As the start of a "new year" travels across our world, it brings with it the promise of new possibilities in our lives. We seek a heart filled with faith, hope and charity, occasions to show kindness, and ways of spreading joy. From Thanksgiving throughout the Christmas season and into the New Year we are given opportunities to express our gratitude, acknowledge and enjoy our blessings, and strengthen our spirits. May we continue to strive for peace and joy in our lives and the lives of others, always.

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It is with sadness that we inform our members that our former member and very good friend, Joe Signorelli, has passed away. Joe was 85 and had moved out of our area to live with his son and daughter-in-law after Renee's death. We have fond memories of Joe and Renee attending nearly all IHL events over the years. They were a fun-loving couple liked by everyone and have been and will be missed. Rest in peace, Joe.

Please continue your much needed and appreciated prayers for Francesco Falsinotti who is recovering from recent strokes and is currently in a rehabilitation facility.

Dawn, Alex and Lara can be assured of our love, prayers, and offers to assist them in whatever way is desired.

IL CALENDARIO

January 1, 2023

Felice Capodanno



January 11	Executive Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	The Esposito's
January 14	Pasquale Talarico* Guest Comedian	5:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Hall
January 18	Lunch Bunch*	Noon	China Star 9600 Main Street, Fairfax
January 24	Happy Hour	5:00 p.m.	Brio Italian Grille 11776 Fair Oaks Mall
January 28	IHL Italian Language Dinner and Conversation	6:00 p.m.	Home of Dennis & June Ferrara
February 11	White Elephant	Noon – 3:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Hall
March 1	Deadline for Virginia OSIA Foundation Scholarships		vaosia.org/scholarships.html
March 11	Installation Of Officers Ceremony and Dinner	TBD	Knights of Columbus Hall

Our menu for the IHL January 14th meeting will be antipasto and appetizers, manicotti, meatballs, roasted vegetables, insalata, and an assortment of desserts for a cost of \$15.00 per person.

*** RSVP to Colette Sciscilo (colette.sciscilo@gmail.com)**



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carmine Primeggia	January 2
Arthur Moscatello	January 4
Dawn Falsinotti	January 5
Laura Strong	January 7
Pamela Pasquariello	January 21
Laurie Gwaltney	January 22
Fred Michaelangelo	January 22
Vincent Trobbiani	January 27
Maria Ingham	January 28

Bentornati a tutti.....

For many years, IHL has sponsored an Italian Language Group, meeting on the fourth Saturday of each month for dinner and Italian language practice. After the pandemic break, our members are excited to return to this intimate, social gathering.

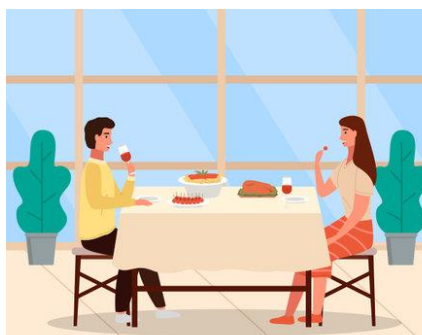
Our next group meeting will be Saturday, January 28th at 6:00 pm at the Reston home of June and Dennis Ferrara. Many of you have already responded that you will be joining once again. Please contact Dennis Ferrara at dennisferrara@hey.com for his exact address, if you have any questions, or if are interested in joining this very fun group.

Cena e conversazione

Hosts June and Dennis are preparing pistachio encrusted salmon with saffron risotto. Rounding out the menu, attending conversationalists will bring antipasto, pasta with pesto, insalata and dessert.

Our group ranges from beginners to conversational level. Whatever your speaking and learning level is, you will enjoy the “chiacchierata, cibo e divertimento.”

*Che
Cosa
studi?*



*Io
studio
Italiano.*

Your lodge council at work.....

Report of the Nominating Committee

At the November meeting, the following members were elected to the Nominating Committee:

Chairperson: Teresa Talierco Scafetta,
former president of the Avanti Italiani Lodge and the George Washington Lodge;

Sharon Strauchs, current lodge membership chairperson;

David Strong, former lodge orator;

Laura Strong, former lodge financial secretary; and

Joey Scafetta III, a member since 2016.

At the December meeting, the following nominations were made for the 2023-2024 term:

President: Dawn Falsinotti (who has already served more than two terms)

Vice President: Charles Romano (who has served one term)

Immediate Past President: Nicolette Sciscilo (automatic)

Orator: Joseph Scafetta Jr. (who has served one term)

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Trustee: Nancy Perrelli (who has already served two terms)

Trustee: Carol Cassella (who has served one term)

Trustee: James Cocco, CPA (former State Trustee & George Washington Lodge President)

Trustee: Vivian Mott (who is a member since February 2022)

Master of Ceremonies: Roy Schender (who has already served two terms)

Mistress of Ceremonies: Sandra Schender (who has served one term)

Guard: Michael Gering (who is a member since February 2022).

“Elections”

At the next membership meeting on Saturday, January 14, the president will call for any additional nominations for the Executive Council from the floor. If there are none, then the slate of nominees announced by the Nominating Committee in December will be elected by acclamation at the February meeting.

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If there are additional nominees from the floor at the January meeting, then the nominator needs to announce the position for which the nominee has agreed to run. If the person nominated by the Nominating Committee is eligible for another one-year term, then there will be an election by ballot for the contested position at the February meeting.

On the other hand, if the person nominated by the Nominating Committee is not eligible for another one-year term because s/he has already served two consecutive terms but the Nominating Committee did not find another qualified and willing member for the nominee's position, then the nominee of the Nominating Committee is "knocked out" of the position for which s/he was nominated and the nominee from the floor, if the only such nominee, will be elected at the February meeting.

The Nominating Committee's nominees who have already served two consecutive terms are the following: President Dawn Falsinotti; Trustee John Dovel; Trustee Nancy Perrelli; and Master of Ceremonies Roy Schender. To be eligible to be elected president, the nominee from the floor "must have served at least one year on the Executive Council", according to Article VI, Section 2, of our lodge bylaws. To be eligible to be elected either trustee or master of ceremonies: "Candidates ... must have been members of the Lodge for at least (6) months", according to the same section of the bylaws.

IHL Annual Dues

In January 2022, IHL instituted the collection of lodge dues on a calendar year basis. In early December of 2022, each member should have received a "Dues Notice" by email from Eleanor Lillo, IHL Financial Secretary. Please read Ellie's instructions in her email for payment amount and remittance process for your 2023 membership. Ellie can assist our members with renewing their memberships and can be contacted at delillo1@verizon.net or (703) 354-2454.

IHL La Bandiera Advertisement Page

The beginning of 2023 also brings the renewal of our *La Bandiera* Ad page (the last page of each month's newsletter). There are currently two ad spaces available. The yearly ad price is \$25/members and \$35/non-members and your ad will run twelve times per year (once a month). If you would like to renew or place a new ad in *La Bandiera*, please contact Joe La Marca (joe.lamarca@italianheritagelodge.org) who will assist you with preparing your ad. Please send your ad fee to Ellie Lillo (contact information is listed above).

IHL Bylaws

Orator Joseph Scafetta, Jr., has been working closely with President Dawn, and the Grand Lodge of Virginia council members to update our bylaws. These changes were discussed and approved at our December meeting as well as by the Grand Lodge of Virginia council members. Joseph will be prepared to bring the bylaws to our January executive council meeting for signing and dating by the IHL president and recording secretary. The signed and dated last page will be transmitted with the entire set of bylaws and incorporated amendments to the state president and state orator for signing and dating. Once the last page is endorsed, dated and returned to IHL, the amended bylaws will be posted to our lodge website for all members to read.

IHL FESTA di NATALE



Homemade Christmas Sweets From Nancy's Kitchen

Trustee Nancy Perrelli donated so much of her time and talents to making our IHL Fundraiser a "sweet success". Grazie...to members Jeff Sciscilo and June La Marca for their sponsorship.



"Yankee Swap" fun.....



Photographs contributed by Eleanor Lillo

Much thanks must be given to our executive council members and IHL members who gave so much of their time and effort to assure the success of the annual Festa di Natale, our Christmas party! These such events entail much planning, shopping, food and drink preparation, advertising, set-up and tear-down, and overall attendance to ensure that all details are attended to.

We thank our members as well for attending, bringing much joy and cheer to the evening, and especially for your donations to the Hospital for Sick Children.



Eleanor & Dennis Lillo delivering your gifts to the Hospital For Sick Children in Washington, DC.

Pasquale Talarico

The special guest at our January 14th meeting will be comedian, Pasquale Talarico. Pat, as his family and friends call him, was born in Washington, D.C., in 1981. He graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic High School in Olney, Maryland, in 2000. He then went to the University of Delaware where he played soccer. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 2004. After graduation, he relocated to Los Angeles where he attended acting school. During his time there, he appeared as an extra in TV commercials, movies, and comedy shows. When he did not get a big break, he returned in 2006 to Washington where he was admitted to the Theater Lab School in 2007. He graduated in 2009. However, he decided to change careers and became a soccer coach for children. In 2012 he was hired to teach physical education in the K-12 Stone Ridge School in Bethesda. There he wrote comedy shows for students. He taught there until March 2020 when the school closed because of the covid-19 pandemic. Because he could no longer conduct in-person physical education classes, he applied for and was hired as a personal assistant and strength trainer for what Pat calls “a wealthy, young, privileged, white male” in Falls Church to where he moved. During his free time, Pat writes comedy skits and has appeared at various local comedy clubs in the D.C. area. For our January meeting, Pat has written a special comedy routine which he calls “Pat & His Uncle Sonny.”



Joey Scafetta, III, and Pat Talarico

The deadline for submitting applications for the Virginia OSIA Foundation Scholarships is **March 1, 2023**. There are three scholarships available so please visit the Grand Lodge of Virginia website to review the application process. Visit <https://www.vaosia.org> for more information and to contact Kathy Drummond, the Scholarship Committee Chairperson.

The annual *White Elephant* will take place on **Saturday, February 11** as a lunch event. Start rummaging through closets, attics, and garages, for your new, old, used, slightly used or regifting items to donate for sale and come ready also to bid on others' donated items. There is no need to price items as our experienced auctioneers will do that for us. This is a combined lunch event and the menu will be posted in the February *La Bandiera*. In the past, members have donated toys, china, small kitchen items, tablecloths, artwork, candles, and the like. So, if you are looking for a way to get rid of "unwanted or unneeded" items in your home, please donate them to IHL for our annual treasury fundraiser. At same time, you will have fun bidding and outbidding each other and may find some new "treasures" of your own.

Carissimi Studenti e Amici,

Spero e prego abbiate tutti trascorso una FELICISSIMA FESTA DI NATALE!

I have FINALLY finished putting together the new ONLINE Zoom Winter session 2023!



Please note that I am working on 2 new Beginner 1 classes. We had several inquiries for a NEW BEGINNER 1 class for the past two sessions, if you can PLEASE FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO ANYONE YOU THINK MIGHT ENJOY our learning style I would really appreciate it IMMENSELY! GRAZIE MILLE!

Also, due to changes in dynamics in some of our classes this past session as well as a few changes in our homeschooling program at home, our Wednesday evening class has now moved to Tuesday afternoon which has pushed down the time for the following class!

I will chat with the current enrolled students of these classes and answer any questions this coming week in class.

THE NEW TUESDAY Conversation and Grammar Review class will be fantastic! It is the perfect class for anyone that might have finished the A2 level a while ago and would like to jump back in! IT is the perfect bridge to start the INTERMEDIATE CLASS (B1), and Alma Edizioni has just released a new grammar review book, which I am loving and can't wait to start!

BENISSIMO! ALLORA ragazzi vi lascio a continuare questo bellissimo weekend con le vostre famiglie e amici più cari!

For now, enjoy your families and dear friends, and know that I am super grateful for you  
PLEASE do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have about the new session.

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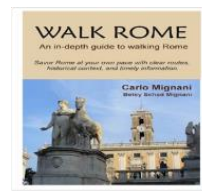
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