

La Bandiera



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



OTTOBRE 2023
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA

Dear amici,

As I sit here enjoying the cooler weather and one of many pumpkin spice coffees, I am reminded of how glorious this time of the year is. I am so psyched for all the fall festivities, baking, and the changes in the seasonal menu.

We had a great turnout for the Spaghetti Dinner. Dr. Jennifer Primeggia's presentation was informative and topical for all of us. It was a pleasure to meet her; her parents are Flo and Carmine Primeggia. It's always terrific to meet our members family members.

For October we will have an interesting subject and speaker; Stefano Scafetta, cousin of Orator Sonny Scafetta. He will host a presentation on renaissance art restoration.

For those of you we haven't seen in a while, please come and join us. We're having a lot of fun and missing you.

*All the best,
Dawn*



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IL CALENDARIO

October 9	National Columbus Day Ceremony	10:45 a.m.	Columbus Plaza, Union Station, Washington, DC
October 11	Executive Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	The Esposito's Fairfax
October 12	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 12980 Fair Lakes Shopping Center Fairfax
October 21	Autumn Harvest Dinner* Stefano Scafetta, Guest Speaker	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall
October 21	House of Mercy Food Pantry Drive		
October 24	Happy Hour	5:00 p.m.	One Bar & Grill 10427 North Street, #102 Fairfax
October 28	Cena e conversazione**	6:00 p.m.	Home of Ken and Carol Ann Linder
November 18	Ronald G. Capalaces_ Guest Speaker	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall
November 18	House of Mercy Food Pantry Drive		
December 2	<i>Festa di Natale</i>	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall
December 2	Cena e conversazione**	6:00 p.m.	TBD

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Meet IHL Members Nancy and Kal Maiwand

We were introduced to the Lodge by Charlie Romano and became members in February this year. We are delighted to meet so many nice people.

Kal was born in Afghanistan and lived in many corners of the world, including 6 years in Italy. Prior to retirement he worked for small and large companies managing software development. He still dabbles in software, but now for fun. He has a close-nit family that is scattered over Europe and USA.

Nancy is an Ohio native. After university she lived many years in New York city prior to moving to Virginia. She is a pharmacist (Pharm D) and worked for many years at Kaiser Permanente before she retired a couple of years ago.

Our home is in Vienna. We both like to travel and spend time with our children. We also enjoy cooking and spending time with friends. This year we visited Nancy's relatives in Avezzano (about an hour east of Rome). We had a great time and appreciated Italian hospitality. So much so that we are planning another trip to Rome later this year.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Laurie & Nathan Gwaltney	October 1
Carol Ann & Ken Linder	October 4
Susan & Frank Bonsiero	October 6
June & Joe La Marca	October 6
Nannette & Gerry Croce	October 8
Kathleen & Peter Ognibene	October 10
Laura & David Strong	October 18
Gloria & Art Moscatello	October 22
Christine & Mike Chambers	October 31

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Laura Asiello	October 6
Paul Alligood	October 13
Dolly Dougherty	October 22
Charles Romano	October 22
Colette Sciscilo	October 22
William Wiegand	October 22
Joseph Scafetta, III	October 28



September's Meet & Greet Spaghetti Dinner drew a large crowd with many people interested in hearing the presentation given by Dr. Jennifer Primeggia. Dr. Jen is a prominent and accomplished doctor of infectious diseases here in our area and her presentation showed her passion for health concerns of all ages.

We are grateful to Dr. Jen (and her family) for the time she devoted to speaking at IHL, answering questions, and socializing with our members and guests.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our super volunteers that evening who helped make the event a fun time. A special thank you to Trustee Nancy Perrelli for her intimate and thorough interview of Dr. Jen and the newsletter article that flowed from it. Ben fatto a tutti!



HARVEST DONATIONS FOR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

In the months of October and November (at our monthly meetings) we will be asking for food donations to assist the "House of Mercy" Food Pantry in Manassas. Baskets will be set out on October 21st so that donations can be collected for this local food pantry.

We have done this in the past as we came close to the Thanksgiving season and our members have shown much generosity.

Please bring any items that are packaged, canned, or boxed such as soups, rice, pasta, peanut butter & jelly, cereals, etc. No fresh foods or jars, please!

If you miss the opportunity in October, we will be collecting again on November 18th, just in time for "Thanks-giving." As always, IHL is grateful for the opportunity to once again assist our community as a fraternal organization.

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*Join IHL for our
Autumn Harvest Dinner
With Guest Speaker
Saturday, October 21, 2023
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Hall
(behind St. Leo the Great Catholic Church)
3700 Blenheim Boulevard, Fairfax*

*Our Guest Speaker will be
Stefano Scafetta, retired
Senior Conservator at the
Smithsonian American Art Museum.
The event cost is \$15.00 and will also feature a
delicious Italian dinner with a variety of Autumn
flavored dishes.*



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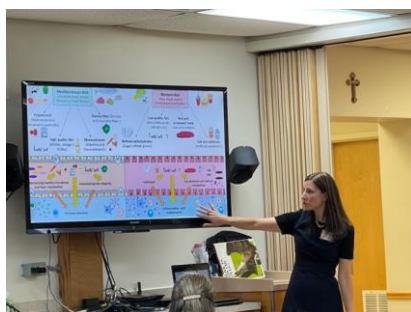
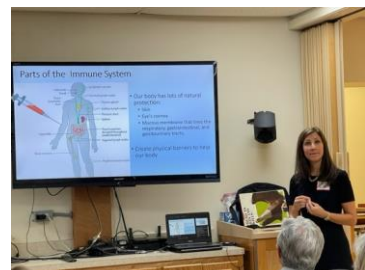
Autumn Harvest Dinner with Guest Speaker Stefano Scafetta Saturday, October 21, 2023

Before dinner is served, our guest speaker, Stefano Scafetta, who is a retired senior conservator at the Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM), will be introduced by our Orator, Joseph "Sonny" Scafetta Jr., who will give us a brief description of Stefano's career. Stefano will begin his Power Point presentation by showing us a 17-minute documentary entitled "Mud Angels" about a group of Florida college students who helped in the rescue of many valuable art objects and books after the banks of the Arno River overflowed and flooded the city of Florence in 1966. This event inspired Stefano to change his career plan from art history to art conservation.

After the documentary, Stefano will show slides of four paintings before, during, and after their conservation by him in the SAAM laboratory. The four paintings are the following: "Columbus Before the Queen" by Peter Frederick Rothermel (1812-1895); "Torre di Schiavi" (Tower of Slaves) by Thomas Hiram Hotchkiss (1834-1869); a portrait of Elizabeth Winthrop Chanler by John Singer Sargent (1856-1925); and a portrait of Don Jose' Mas Ferrer by Jose' Campeche (1751-1809). Stefano will take about five to six minutes to discuss each painting. The total length of his presentation will be 35 to 45 minutes. After he concludes his presentation, a question-and-answer period will follow.



MEET & GREET SPAGHETTI DINNER



(Photographs submitted by Eleanor Lillo)

National Columbus Day Ceremony

Monday, October 9, 2023

Musical prelude begins at 10:45 a.m.

Ceremony begins at 11 a.m.



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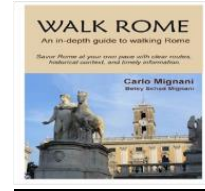
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