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THE ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE #2517
Order Sons of Italy in America

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MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

Cari amici,

IHL's first ever "Pizza & Movie Night" was a success. Pizza was provided by Paisano's just prior to the showing of "Moonstruck". Desserts included Dawn's homemade Apple Crisp with ice cream, Dennis' homemade Biscotti, Sandy's Hot Apple Cider and Colette's Pumpkin Spice Latte! The cost for attending was only a donation to our House of Mercy Food Pantry – our traditional Thanksgiving charity drive. You all were extremely generous with the food pantry donations and it did not go unnoticed that some members who could not attend Movie Night kindly dropped off food donations beforehand. I am pleased to say that there was an increase from the past two years in the value assessed by the House of Mercy. Thank You, Dawn, for coordinating a fun event and ordering a delicious variety of pizzas. I wish to thank the Knights of Columbus also for donating their popcorn machine with all of the ingredients which helped to make "Movie Night" very authentic! Thanks also to all on hand who volunteered for morning set up and evening clean up. You were a terrific crew and I am very appreciative.

Our extra-ordinary event in November took us out of the area and into Washington, D.C. for a trip to A. Litteri Italian Market. Litteri's is a third-generation old-school Italian grocery store and deli tucked away among the warehouses of the Florida Market. We gathered a small group, but fun nonetheless as we nearly abandoned each other to shop for fine wines and freshly baked bread, deli meats and olive oil, to name a few items we came away with. After our shopping spree, we headed back to Virginia for more shopping – and lunch – at The Italian Store in Arlington. It was fine weather for dining al fresco and conversation over cappuccino and delicious Italian pastries. Thank you Dawn for another great suggestion!

***December 9th Festa di Natale**– Our Festa di Natale flyer located at the end of the Newsletter will give many of the details for our Christmas celebration with family members, relatives and friends. If you have not already done so, please contact John or Laura Asiello by phone or email to give them the name, age and gender of a child you are bringing, ages 12 and under, so that they may receive a gift from Santa.*

Festa di Natale Checklist

- ✓ Call John or Laura to RSVP for children*
- ✓ Bring a Pot Luck Authentic Italian Meal:
Entrée / Side / Dessert*
- ✓ Bring an unwrapped toy (\$10 or less)
for Hospital for Sick Children*
- ✓ Rehearse Christmas Carols to sing*
- ✓ Get excited for a special Visitor*



If you take a look at our calendar of upcoming events, you will see the White Elephant Sale is scheduled for January 13. Always a fun evening for our members and guests, start setting aside your old, new, and slightly used items to donate. No need to price things as our very fun and capable auctioneers know just how to strike a deal. Our very popular Casino Night will take place on February 10th. This might be a good time, while out and about Christmas shopping, to stop in for gift cards and gift certificates from your local stores and restaurants.

Our member, Chris Williams, recently underwent shoulder surgery but I am told he is mending and recovering nicely. Also, Kathy Drummond, President of the George Washington Lodge, is undergoing her rehabilitation for hip replacement and I have relayed our thoughts and prayers to her. Please continue to remember both of them in their daily challenges and that they will join us soon for future events.

*Con affetto!
Coletta*



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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

<i>December 3</i>	Grand Lodge of Virginia Quarterly Meeting	11:00 A.M.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
<i>December 9</i>	<i>Festa di Natale</i> Annual ECHO Fundraiser	6:00 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
<i>December 13</i>	Holiday Lunch Bunch	12:00 Noon	Maggiano's Little Italy Springfield Town Center 6500 Springfield Mall
<i>December 20</i>	<i>No December Council Meeting</i>		
<i>December 25</i>	<i>Feast of the Nativity</i>		
<i>January 1, 2018</i>	<i>New Year's Day</i>		
<i>January 10</i>	Lunch Bunch	12:00 Noon	TBD
<i>January 13</i>	White Elephant Sale	6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
<i>January 17</i>	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
<i>January 27</i>	Italian Language Group	5:30 P.M.	Home of the La Marcas
<i>February 10</i>	Casio Night	6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
<i>February 14</i>	Lunch Bunch	12:00 Noon	TBD
<i>February 21</i>	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
<i>February 24</i>	Italian Language Group	5:30 P.M.	Home of the Ognibenes
<i>March (TBD)</i>	Dinner & Installation Of Officers	TBD	Knights of Columbus Hall
<i>March 14</i>	Lunch Bunch	12:00 Noon	TBD
<i>March 21</i>	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
<i>March 24</i>	Italian Language Group	5:30 P.M.	Home of the Linders



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*Buon
Compleanno*

Rosalie Ciccotelli	12/2
Rosalind Michaelangelo	12/5
Frank Bonsiero	12/8
Peter Ognibene	12/9
Angelo DeCecco	12/10
Laura Frappollo	12/16
Palmer DeMeo	12/19
Angie Taormino	12/24



LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS



DECEMBER LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet for our Holiday Luncheon on **Wednesday, December 13th** at noon at *Maggiano's Little Italy* located at Springfield Town Center, 6500 Springfield Mall, Springfield, VA. This time of year, Maggiano's is decorated with elegant decorations to certainly bring everyone into a festive holiday mood. Please contact Dennis at 703-354-2454 or email Dennis at delillo1@verizon.net if you plan to attend.

The Italian Language Group returns after a short respite, so if you are looking for a social evening filled with Italian language and culture please join us! Members and non-members are welcome to meet up with us on the fourth Saturday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Our first meeting of the New Year will be January 27th at the home of June and Joe La Marca.

Coming up.....

December will be our last big push for donations towards the IHL charities we sponsor. Although I am very grateful for what we have raised, our fundraising for Autism, Cooley's Anemia and Alzheimer's has reached only \$630.00 – a bit short of last year's contributions – with only 12 lodge families participating this year. I have attached the contribution form for last minute donations to be sent before December 15, 2017. This deadline will enable us to send the final charitable contributions to the Grand Lodge of Virginia by December 20th to receive credit for our lodge. Our Food Pantry donations have now become an annual fundraiser during our November meeting. You all have been very generous the last two years in donating boxed, packaged and canned goods for the House of Mercy Food Pantry and this year the value assessed for your food donations has increased. House of Mercy was extremely thankful when the items were dropped off and expressed much gratitude for our donations. During our November and December events, Dot Saia will reach out to you for contributions to purchase Giant Food Gift Certificates for Christmas dinners for ECHO families. Since IHL/OSIA is a fraternal organization, we pride ourselves on helping our communities in need and I have not been disappointed in your generosity and concern for others less fortunate than ourselves. Please take these upcoming opportunities to carefully consider your donations and how best to assist others.

The Election of Lodge Officers for 2018-2019

The Lodge will elect officers early next year for the 2018-2019 term. The following timetable is set out in the Lodge's By-Laws for the election of officers:

November, 2017 – The President appointed three members to serve on the Nominating Committee: Dennis Lillo (Chairman), Marianne Hallahan and Sal Guli

December, 2017 – The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall report the nominations from the Committee. (No nominations can be made from the floor at this meeting.)

January, 2018 – The January Newsletter will carry the results of the Nominating Committee. Members may nominate from the floor at the January lodge meeting.

February, 2018 – Elections are held – no more nominations are permitted except in the case of withdraw.

March, 2018 – The newly elected officers are installed.

Any lodge members interested in serving on the Italian Heritage Lodge council for this period please notify a member of the Nominating Committee of your desire to serve on the council for the 2018-2019 term .

Feste di Natale

St. Mary of Sorrows Italian Heritage Society Christmas Dinner Party:

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

St. Mary of Sorrows Parish Center, Farrell Hall

5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA

Contact i.h.s.saintmarys.president@gmail.com



Italian Heritage and Cultural Society of the Church of the Nativity Christmas Party

Thursday, December 14, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Nativity School Cafeteria

6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA

Contact Maryann_Holtman@aol.com



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SUBJECT: Walk-A-Thon for Cooley's Anemia, Alzheimer's and Autism

A primary function of the Italian Heritage Lodge (IHL) of Fairfax is to act as a fraternal organization to benefit our community. One of the ways we accomplish this each year is to donate funds to three specific charities ---- Cooley's Anemia, Alzheimer's, and Autism. This year, our members participated in a Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at a local mall as a fundraiser for these charities. We ask that you donate \$10, \$20 or whatever you can afford to support these worthy causes. All funds collected will be donated through the Grand Lodge of Virginia Foundation, Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), to one of the above-mentioned charities. **Donations should be submitted by December 15, 2017 for inclusion in our 4th Quarter contributions.**

***Make checks payable to the Virginia OSIA Foundation with a mention in the memo line as for which charity/charities the donation is designated. 100% of the funds collected will be forwarded to the Virginia OSIA Foundation. Please mail your fully tax deductible contributions to:**

**Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517
 C/O Mr. Dennis Lillo
 5104 Colebrook Place
 Alexandria VA 22312**

Keep a copy of the form below as your receipt and **include the name of the charity you wish to support on the memo line on your check.** I want to thank you in advance for your generosity and your support for our charitable causes.

Mille grazie,

Coletta Sciscilo, President, IHL

Receipt: Grand Lodge of Virginia Foundation, Order Sons of Italy in America
 5352 Sir Barton Drive
 Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Cooley 's Anemia	_____	Amount	_____
Alzheimer's	_____	Amount	_____
Autism	_____	Amount	_____
Date:			

**ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE
FESTA D'UNATALE
DECEMBER 9, 2017 - 6:00 P.M.**

This year's *Festa di Natale* is Saturday evening, December 9, 2017. Due to the extended length of the program and the young age of the primary audience, the social will begin at **6:00 PM**. For the younger attendees, the program will include a reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* and all can join in as we sing Christmas carols. There will also be a guest from the North Pole.

It is **especially important** that you call in your reservation since Santa Claus will be making a surprise visit with a present for each child 12 and under. Members who are bringing children 12 and under are asked to call John or Laura Asiello at 703-321-7840 or email jfasiello@aol.com to provide the name, gender, and age of the child, no later than **December 5, 2017**. This will give Santa time to select a gift for each child.


DINNER: The meal will be the traditional pot luck of authentic Italian entrees. Please provide an entree or side dish that will feed at least 6 to 8 people as there is usually a large turnout for this event. Anyone wanting to bring something additional can bring a dessert or appetizer. Wine and beverages will be provided, including homemade Eggnog as well as a hot chocolate bar.

GIVE A GIFT: In keeping with the giving spirit of the holiday, members have the opportunity to participate in the following: each child or any other member or guest attending the meeting is invited to bring and place under the tree an unwrapped gift costing not more than \$10.00. Please put a tag on it indicating appropriate age and gender. The hospital, where the gifts will be taken, has requested that the gifts not be wrapped as they cannot give the children gifts without inspecting them. The gifts brought to the party will be taken to the Hospital for Sick Children the following week. Anyone interested in accompanying these gifts to the hospital should contact John Asiello at 703-321-7840. Children are especially welcome to help take these gifts to children less fortunate.



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