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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

Happy December, Merry Christmas and Buon Natale everyone!

As we usher in the holiday season, the most joyous time of the year, it's important to remember why we celebrate Christmas. We all have had so many blessings through the year. For me it is a time of reflection on all the years' achievements and merriment. And a time of immense gratitude.

The Lodge has enjoyed a stellar year with many fun times. Let's finish out the year strong with our Christmas Party and Children's Christmas Brunch. A fun night is planned with the addition of a Yankee Swap, also known as Dirty Santa. Fun! There will be door prizes, Nancy's Famous Cookies, Homemade Limoncello and Italian Cream Liquor as well as a spectacular dinner planned with antipasto and appetizers, a catered dinner and a plethora of holiday sweets. The following day we have a fabulous Christmas Brunch planned for all the kids. Pin the red nose on Rudolph and arts & crafts as well as a visit from the big guy himself, Santa. All are welcome.

Many of you have not been seen all year long and we'd love to have you join us. Come out and join your fellow IHL brothers and sisters as we celebrate Christmas.

Looking forward to visiting with you all.

Merry Christmas!
Dawn



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IL CALENDARIO

December 5	Executive Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Kilroy's
December 10	<i>Festa di Natale*</i>	5:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Hall
December 11	Brunch with Santa**	11:00 a.m.	Knights of Columbus Hall
December 15	Lunch Bunch *	Noon	Maggiano's Little Italy 6500 Springfield Mall
December 25	<i>Christmas Day – Buon Natale</i>		
January 1, 2023	<i>Felice Anno Nuovo</i>		
January 14	Comedian Pasquale Talarico	5:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Hall

Our menu for the IHL *Festa di Natale* will be antipasto and appetizers, a catered chicken entrée from Mamma Lucia's, manicotti, mussels, roasted vegetables, insalata, and a large assortment of Christmas desserts for a cost of \$20.00 per person. Our Christmas fundraisers will be "Homemade Sweets From Nancy's Kitchen" and Homemade Limoncello and Italian Cream Liquor.

* RSVP to Dawn (falsinotti@yahoo.com)

** RSVP to Eleanor & Dennis Lillo (delillo1@verizon.net)

IHL Annual Dues

This past January, IHL instituted the collection of lodge dues on a calendar year basis.

In early December, each member will be receiving a "Dues Notice" by email from Eleanor Lillo, IHL Financial Secretary. We encourage those who will be attending the *Festa di Natale* to bring your payment to this event on December 10th. Otherwise, please read Ellie's instructions in her email for payment amount and remittance.

Congratulazioni!

To Jeff and Tess Sciscilo on the birth of their fifth child, John Carlo, born on November 12 and weighing 7 lbs, 11 oz. Siblings Dominic, Colette, Lucia and Joe are thrilled with the arrival of their new baby brother.





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Suzanne Mitchell	December 1
Rosalie Ciccotelli	December 2
Rosalind Michaelangelo	December 5
Betsy Mignani	December 6
Frank Bonsiero	December 8
Peter Ognibene	December 9
Wendy Lazarus	December 20
Steve Lipton	December 21
Augie Taomina	December 24

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sloan Tandet and Scott Givens
December 3, 2022



Your lodge council at work.....

At our November general lodge meeting, the committee in charge of creating a new Italian Heritage Lodge banner presented the banner with its new logos and updated information. Joseph, Sandy and Roy did an absolutely beautiful job, and the banner was revealed with much enthusiasm, excitement, and applause. Our former banner was “retired” to the Field Archives & Special Collection Center, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ.

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Article VII, Section 10, of the IHL bylaws states: “At the meeting in November of each year, the Assembly shall elect five (5) of its members to serve as the Nominating Committee. No current officers or persons seeking office should serve as members of the Nominating Committee. The Committee shall elect its own Chairperson.”

At our meeting on Saturday, November 12, 2022, the Assembly elected the following five (5) members to serve as the Nominating Committee: Teresa Talierco Scafetta, Chairperson, former President of the Avanti Italiani Lodge and the George Washington Lodge; Sharon Strauchs, Membership Chairperson; David Strong, former IHL Orator; Laura Strong, former IHL Financial Secretary; and Joseph Scafetta, III, Member.

Article VI, Section 3, Subsection a, states: “At the December meeting, the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall report the nominations agreed upon by a majority of the Committee. No nominations from the floor may be made at this meeting and the report of the Committee shall be transmitted to each member before the January meeting.”

At our meeting on Saturday, December 10, 2022, Teresa Talierco Scafetta, as the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, shall report the nominations agreed upon by a majority of the Committee.

IHL FUNDRAISER – WALK-A-THON “WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS”

Our yearly “Walk-A-Thon” fundraiser for charity took place on Saturday, October 15th. In recent years we have been attending the “Walk To End Alzheimer’s” which is one of our charities. The donation form was sent to all members recently via an email attachment. After our walk, those who attended met for lunch at Bella Vita in Manassas. If you were unable to attend either event, PLEASE make whatever contribution you can on the form we provided. All contributions are appreciated. This fundraiser ends towards the end of December, 2022 so there is still time to make your donation. If you have any questions, please contact our IHL Treasurer, Dennis Lillo.

At our monthly meetings in October and November our members were very generous in their food donations to assist the “House of Mercy” Food Pantry. Baskets were set out so that donations of non-perishable foods could 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. We can report that 100 pounds of food was donated to the “House of Mercy” Food Pantry in time for Thanksgiving. As IHL resumes events as a fraternal organization, we are grateful for the opportunity to once again assist our community’s needs.



Bentornato 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 conversation. Our members are excited to return to this practical, but social, gathering.

Our next group meeting will be Saturday, January 28th at 6:00 pm. (the location will be forthcoming). Please stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, please contact Dennis Ferrara at dennisferrara@hey.com if you are interested in joining this very fun group.

*Ti piace
la musica
classica?*

*Che
cosa
studi?*

How To Play Dirty Santa Or Yankee Swap

- Select a dollar limit for the gifts. \$15
- Specify in your party invitation to wrap the gift without a to-and-from label.
- Before starting, everyone draws a number from a hat. The slips of paper should be numbered one through the number of people participating. The person with #1 starts the game.
- The game begins once #1 selects a gift from the pile (after much thought and deliberation, of course), opens it, and shows it to everyone.
- The person who drew #2 then goes and has the option to steal #1's gift (aka "Dirty Santa") or pick a different gift from the pile. This continues with each person having the chance to steal or choose a wrapped gift.
 - A gift can be stolen no more than three times. The host should keep a tally of each gift and announce once a gift is "dead" and can no longer be stolen.
 - A gift can also only be stolen once per turn. For example, if person #17's gift was stolen, and they steal from person #5, then person #5 cannot steal the gift that was taken from #17.
 - If your gift is stolen, you can't steal it right back. You can steal another gift or choose from the pile. Personally, we're partial to choosing all the mysterious gifts left unopened, so that the whole stash is revealed sooner.
 - In one rule variation, each participant can only be stolen from three times. At that point, they are out of the game, and the gift they're holding is theirs to keep.
 - When all the gifts have been opened, the person who drew #1 has the option to steal a gift (since they did not have any gifts to steal initially). If they choose not to steal and keep the gift they have, the game is over. If they decide to steal, then the game continues until someone decides to keep their gift.

Tips For Winning

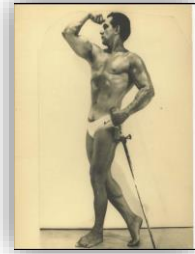
Our biggest tip for Dirty Santa is to pay attention to how many times your favorite gifts have been stolen, especially if you're the lucky participant who drew the #1 slot. Remember that the main point of Dirty Santa is [creating holiday cheer](#), so no arguing over the rules. (*You don't want to get coal in your stocking, do you?*)

Pasquale Talarico

The special guest at our January 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."

Living to be 100, or 104 like Joe Rollino did

Our guest speaker on Saturday, November 12, was John Michael Howard who presented us with information from the book “Living To Be 100.” He spoke briefly about Joe Rollino, a strong man and vegetarian, who lived to be 104. Below is Joseph Rollino’s amazing life story.



Joseph Rollino was born in the Coney Island section of Brooklyn, New York, on March 19, 1905. Being Catholic immigrants, his parents named him in the Italian tradition after the saint on whose feast day he was born. He was one of 14 children. He spent his entire childhood and adolescence in Coney Island. His parents also raised him to be a life-long vegetarian. When he stopped growing at 16, he was only five feet, five inches tall and weighed about 150 pounds.

During his last two years in high school, he started to lift weights. After graduation in 1923, he began to box, touring the country and using the name Kid Dundee. After gaining weight and strength, he quit boxing and toured with carnivals as a strong man, moving 3,200 pounds with his back, bending nails with his teeth, and bending coins with his bare hands. At the annual Coney Island Festival from 1928 through 1941, he performed as the world’s strongest man. During this time, he was married but divorced his wife. They had no children.

After Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 36. Like most Italian-American soldiers, he was sent to the Pacific theater to fight the Japanese instead of the European theater to fight the Italians and the Germans. Once, when some of the men in his platoon were wounded by enemy fire, he ran onto the field of battle, picked up two men under one arm and two more under the other arm, and carried them back to safety behind the battle line. For this action, he was awarded a Silver Star Medal. He later won a Bronze Star Medal for taking similar action by carrying wounded men several times to the rear under enemy fire. He was also wounded three times and was the recipient of three Purple Hearts.

After the war was won in August 1945, he was honorably discharged at the age of 40. He returned to Brooklyn and worked as a longshoreman unloading and loading heavy cargo on the New York docks. He continued this work for the next 25 years until he retired at 65 in 1970.

In his retirement, he became active in the Iceberg Athletic Club which sponsored winter swimming activities. After the club went defunct in 1990 when he was 85, he moved in and lived quietly with a niece in the Dyker Heights section of Brooklyn where he continued to exercise daily and eat a Mediterranean diet.

On his 103rd birthday in 2008, he was interviewed by a reporter for a local newspaper and showed that he could still bend a quarter with his teeth. On January 11, 2010, he was out taking his daily morning walk when he was hit by a car while he was crossing the street in a crosswalk. He was taken to the nearby hospital where he died several hours later. He was about two months short of his 105th birthday. How much longer would he have lived if he had not been hit by that car?

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joe_Rollino

IHL NOVEMBER EVENTS



Italian Heritage Lodge banner



Guest Speaker John Michael Howard

U.S. Postal Service issues Madonna & Child stamp

By
Joseph Scafetta Jr.

The U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp depicting the Madonna and Child in Boston where the original painting is housed in the Museum of Fine Arts. The stamp was unveiled during a first-day ceremony on September 22, 2022.

The stamp shows an oil-on-panel painting from the first half of the 16th century by a Florentine artist known only as the Master of the Scandicci Lamentation. He is believed by art historians to be a follower of Domenico Ghirlandaio (1448-1494).



In issuing this stamp, the Postal Service has revived a prior long-running tradition of featuring a masterpiece artwork on a religious Christmas stamp. The longest stretch occurred from 1978 to 1999, a run of 22 years, when works by Italian Renaissance painters were depicted. The first Madonna and Child stamp was issued in 1966. This one is the 39th.

The pressure-sensitive Forever stamp is being sold in booklets of 20 at all local post offices for 60 cents each. The price will go up to 63 cents each on January 22, 2023.

Carissimi Studenti e Amici,

Spero e prego abbiate tutti trascorso una FELICISSIMA FESTA DEL RINGRAZIAMENTO!

Io sono stata specialmente grata quest'anno perchè per la prima volta ho avuto la possibilità di festeggiare questa festa che AMO TANTISSIMO mio fratello!

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 any one 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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Article IX, Section 1, of our bylaws states, in part: “A Special Bylaws Committee shall be formed to prepare a report to be submitted to the membership, containing its recommendations concerning the proposal it has received....” Pursuant to this provision, President Dawn Falsinotti appointed a Special Bylaws Committee comprised of herself, Vice President Charles Romano, and Orator Joseph Scafetta, Jr. to consider a proposal that our president received from State President Larry Brennan to revise our bylaws by tightening some of the financial sections. The Special Bylaws Committee recommends that the membership vote at its next regular meeting on Saturday, December 10, 2022, to approve the following proposed amendments. Article IX, Section 2, states in part: “These Bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Lodge.”

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS OF THE ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE

Article IV, Financial Affairs.

Section 2, Disbursements.

Amend Subsection b, Third Sentence, by adding underlined wording:

All disbursements exceeding \$250 other than the above exceptions require the approval of the Assembly.

Add new Subsections:

e. The process for reimbursement to a member is as follows:

- (1) Member requests authorization for purchase(s) from the President or the Vice President;
- (2) Member fills out Money Request Form, attaching receipt(s) and/or documentation;
- (3) Member presents Form to the President for approval and processing;
- (4) President submits Form to Treasurer for payment to the member;
- (5) Treasurer prepares check for amount to be reimbursed and has President sign check; and
- (6) Treasurer disburses check to the member.

f. All Money Request Forms with receipts for reimbursement should be submitted to the President or the Vice President within three months after an event for which the expense was incurred.

Section 5, Default.

Amend Subsection a by deleting struck-through wording and adding underlined wording:

a. If membership dues are not paid within (3) months of the date they are due, that member shall be considered to be in default. Any member in default shall be stricken from the rolls of membership. However, at least ~~thirty (30)~~ fifteen (15) days prior to the date of striking, the member shall be sent a notice ~~in writing by mail~~ from the Financial Secretary, ~~prepared by the Chairperson of the Membership Committee.~~

Article V, Officers; Section 3, Officers Duties and Responsibilities.

Subsection f. Financial Secretary; repeal Sub-Subsection:

(2) Prepares Per Capita reports and sends to State quarterly, in coordination with the membership Chair, on time.

Replace with new Sub-Subsection:

(2) Prepares Quarterly Per Capita Tax Report before the due date of each quarter; sends it to the President for approval; after approval by the President, processes it, and sends it to the State Financial Secretary, on time.

Add new Sub-Subsections:

(5) Sends the Current Membership Roster on the first of each month to the President, the Vice President, the Recording Secretary, and the Newsletter Editor.

(6) Adheres to the following Membership Renewal Process:

Membership Dues letters to be prepared and sent by December 1st individually;

Copies the President during the first week of December;

Sends first reminder by January 15th;

Sends second reminder by February 15th;

Sends Drop Letter on March 1st; and

Copies to the President all dues correspondence.

Subsection g, Treasurer; repeal Sub-Subsection:

(5) Sends to the President copies of all account statements.

Replace with new Sub-Subsection:

(5) Distributes bank statement to President and Vice President at the beginning of each month.

Add new Sub-Subsections:

(7) Distributes monthly financial report to Executive Council for monthly meeting.

(8) All checks written need two signatures: President and Treasurer.

Subsection h, Trustees; repeal Sub-Subsection:

(1) Review Lodge Financial records once a year.

Replace with new Sub-Subsection:

(1) Audit Lodge Financial Records once a year before February 28th, with the cooperation of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer; at least three of the five Trustees are required for the Audit; results of the Audit are due to the President and the Executive Council within two weeks.

Article IX, Amendments.**Amend Section 1, Procedure of Amendment, Second Sentence, by adding underlined wording:**

A Special Bylaws Committee shall be formed by the President to prepare a report to be submitted to the membership, containing its recommendations concerning the proposal it has received within sixty (60) days.

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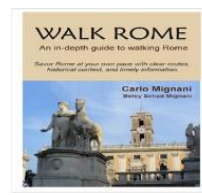
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