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Newsletter of:

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



LUGLIO 2018 MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

Cari amici,

Our June Bocce with a pot luck Italian lunch was well attended and we sincerely wish to thank Ellie and Dennis Lillo for providing the well-groomed bocce court and opening their home to our members and guests, as well as to John Asiello who assisted with the early morning prep work, and Cynthia Williams for helping with the clean up in the afternoon. Even though IHL provided the beverages and all of the luncheon essentials, we thank all of those who attended for bringing the delicious and plentiful selection of luncheon foods. It is always great to see our Grand Lodge President and First Lady, Bob and Beverly Amante, who joined the fun. Once again, we salute the Lillos for their generosity.

The evening's Festa della Repubblica at Nativity Church was a wonderful success. With 100+ guests in attendance (including IHL members), the festivities were enjoyed by all, with honored guests from the Italian Embassy in attendance, fun entertainment and good food. Dawn and I joined the other Italian heritage societies in our community in hosting the event and we were well represented by OSDIA – George Washington Lodge President Kathy Drummond as well as Past President Jim Cocco and his wife and Trustee Marilyn Miyasato, and Vice President Betty McGowan and Orator Joseph McGowan attended, and Bob and Bev Amante. Bob gave an informative and well-received speech on behalf of OSDIA and GLVA and I am very much appreciative of their efforts in traveling to Northern Virginia for the two events.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE CITY OF FAIRFAX - JULY 4TH

The City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade – July 4th
IT'S THAT FUN TIME AGAIN! 2018 will be IHL's 12th consecutive year participating in the City of Fairfax Independence Day parade and I am happy to say that there has been an increase in participation recently which includes members, children, grandchildren and guests proudly representing our love of country and Italian-American heritage.

It is quite exciting to be welcomed by the cheers of enthusiastic parade viewers which put us in a celebratory and patriotic spirit. The parade route is a one-mile walk, or ride, through the City of Fairfax. The results have been well worth our efforts as it continues to promote the image of our viable organization and provides a platform for recruiting new members. Information regarding time to arrive, location, etc. can be found at the end of this Newsletter. ***Come early (8 a.m.) to help decorate cars, bikes, wagons!*** This year seating is limited for those who cannot walk so please check with either me or Parade Chairman Roy Schender if you have any questions - colette.sciscilo@gmail.com or parade@italianheritagelodge.org.



Con affetto!
Coletta

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

July 4th

Independence Day



July 4	City of Fairfax Parade	9:00 A.M.	City of Fairfax
July 11	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Char Broil Brazilian Steak House Woodbridge
July 25	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
August 3	<i>Rigoletto</i>	8:15 P.M.	Wolf Trap Farm Park Vienna, VA
August TBD	Annual Peach Picking & Lunch	TBD	Hartland Orchard, Markham
August 25	IHL Language Group	6:00 P.M.	Home of Coletta Sciscilo
September 16	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 A.M.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge

September 30	Annual Family Picnic	1:00 – 4:00 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
October			
November	Pizza & Movie Night	6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
December 2	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 A.M.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
December 15	Festa di Natale	6:00 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall

Buon Compleanno

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Cardinale	July 1
Elisabetta Lazarte	July 12
Ann Lipton	July 25
Carol Ann Linder	July 27



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Buon Anniversario !



Joseph & Teresa Scafetta	July 4
Jeffrey & Teresa Sciscilo	July 6
Paul & Rosalie Alligood	July 12
Augie & Joyce Taormina	July 22
John & Kerri Sciscilo	July 28

LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, July 11th at noon at the Char Broil Brazilian Steak House at 14239 Potomac Mills Road, Woodbridge. The restaurant is in a shopping center bounded by Telegraph Road and Opitz Boulevard. The Char Broil features a huge buffet and grilled meats served on skewers cut for you by the wait staff. They will continue serving you until you cry "uncle", and with grilled pineapple for dessert, this is a dining experience you will remember. Please come and join your fellow IHL members for lunch. Call Dennis at 703-354-2454 or email him at delillo1@verizon.net if you plan to attend.

The IHL Italian Language Group held their get-together on Saturday, June 23rd at the home of June and Joe La Marca. After catching up on details of Peter and Kathleen's recent trip to Little Italy in NYC, conversations about the use of, and also lack of, the Italian language in our homes by our parents and grandparents, and a delicious and filling meal, our hosts presented us with the opportunity to play word games (scrabble) using *only* Italian words. At the end, each team could be challenged by other teams for use, grammar, etc. We are always looking for new members with some knowledge of Italian language to join us at our monthly Language Group meeting, enjoy the camaraderie, the food, the value of vocabulary building and the practice of conversing in Italian. A July Language Group meet-up will not be held, but the next one is scheduled for August 25th and will be hosted by Coletta Sciscilo. Contact joe.lamarca@italianheritagelodge.org for more information about becoming part of our language group.

Our member, Sharon Strauchs, has organized a night at the Opera, *Rigoletto* by Giuseppe Verdi, on August 3 at Wolf Trap Farm Park. Please contact Sharon at 703-464-0034 or by email at sharon@tlc-nv.com for information and current availability of group tickets.

It is not too early to mark your calendars for our annual *Peach Picking and Lunch*, but it is always held on a Sunday in August, and because of the favorable response to last year's event we plan to visit the Hartland Orchard in Markham, VA again. By all accounts, the peaches were terrific and in abundance, and there are also many other fruits and vegetables available. Look for more and final details in the August Newsletter and upcoming emails.

***Our Annual Family Picnic will be held on
Sunday, September 30th***



There are a few vacancies on our council! If anyone is interested in volunteering for positions of Webmaster, Education Chairperson or Membership Chairperson, please contact President Coletta Sciscilo (703-795-2231). If you have the desire and expertise to help IHL in these areas, the lodge could use your assistance and it would be most appreciated.



Lettura estiva.....

The Sons of Italy Book Club offers suggestions for summer reading, with fiction and non-fiction books written by its members from various lodges. Their website lists their current recommendations, such as "No Distance Between Us: Italian American Poets of Long Island" and "Love and Loyalty". A personal recommendation to add to childrens' summer reading lists is "Coffee with Nonna" by Vincent Iezzi. Another personal recommendation is "Baseball Italian Style: Great Stories Told by Italian American Major Leaguers from Crosetti to Piazza" by Lawrence Baldassaro.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 4th, 2018, CITY OF FAIRFAX

INFORMATION FOR ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE MEMBERS & GUESTS

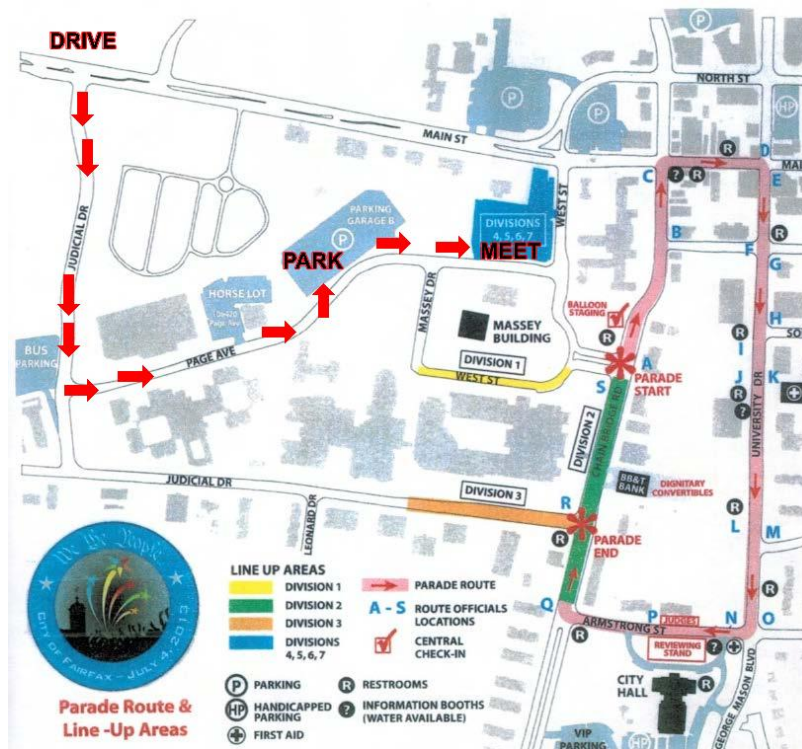
No change from last year: We are in the same division (Division 5), so we will meet at the same place.

What: The highlight of the annual City of Fairfax Independence Day celebration is the well-attended parade. Our lodge will proudly participate in this huge event this year for the *twelfth* consecutive year.

Why: By participating in the celebration parade participants show **pride**, both in our nation and in the contribution to this great country by Italian-Americans. We also take advantage of an opportunity to obtain favorable publicity for our lodge, which helps in **recruiting** new members. Although the parade is very short, the experience offers fond memories and is lots of fun!

When: If you have a parade pass for your vehicle to be **IN the parade**, please arrive around **8 AM** so we can begin the decorations; if you arrive later than 9 AM, your vehicle will not be allowed in the parade. **If you are willing to help decorate**, please arrive around **8 AM**. **If you plan to walk or ride** in an authorized convertible, but **not willing to help decorate**, arrive around **9 AM**. Expect traffic and detours on the way. If you are running late, come, anyway.

Where: See map, below. Enter the area by turning south from Rt. 236/Main Street onto Judicial Drive, then left on to Page Avenue. If your vehicle is not in the parade, **park (free) in Garage B on your left** then walk to the nearby meeting point, as indicated on the map, below. If not staying, you may **drop off your passengers closer to the meeting point**. If you have a pass to drive your vehicle in the parade, **bypass the parking garage, and follow the blue signs to the Divisions 4, 5, 6 outdoor parking lot parade assembly area**, where you will be directed to your assigned parking spot. We will be in **Division 5, Position #514** this year. We will meet in the big outdoor parking lot, where we can enjoy watching and meeting participants of many other parade units.



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Who: **You** are invited, as well as anyone else you also invite to fill our parade unit's ranks. Please invite **your family, friends, and neighbors**; they **need NOT be of Italian ancestry**, as long as they appreciate Italian-American culture and have some U.S. patriotic pride to display. Our award-winning unit is a most worthy entry for parade viewers, and the Italian music we play gets spectators on their feet dancing. By participating in the celebration, we demonstrate our pride, both in the United States and in the contributions to this great country by Italians and Italian-Americans. Participants must be at least six years old unless they ride in a decorated wheeled vehicle, such as a stroller or wagon. No pets, please. Guests must not display banners or signs that would indicate a different "unit" that would normally need to apply to the Fairfax parade committee to participate; your invitees will represent our lodge, which in itself represents the Italian-American community. Of course your guests must not, in any way, be a potential source of embarrassment.

How: Since there will be vehicles in our unit, you and/or your guests may either walk or ride the leisurely one-mile parade route. However, we are restricted to 4 car passes so seating is limited. Walkers may distribute to spectators items that have been previously approved by the lodge council, but may not throw anything.

If a truck is provided, young children, however, will not be permitted aboard the truck. **Participants who have difficulty walking will have priority to ride, although there is usually room for all; truck riders must sign a standard liability waiver before boarding.**

Wear any Italian, Italian-American, or USA-themed clothing, or colors, red, white, blue, and/or green. Of course, don't forget sunscreen and good walking shoes. Water has always been available, but you might bring some to be sure. Hopefully, you will not need an umbrella; so far, it has never rained during the times we have been on the parade route. We should be finished before typical daily summer heat and afternoon showers begin. (No promises, of course 😊)

View a video clip of our proud unit passing the reviewing stand last year (2017) at <https://youtu.be/g4DGyRSuMIQ?t=3906>.

For photos of our unit, see

<http://www.italianheritagelodge.org/2017%20parade%20album/index.html>.


For a replay of this year's entire parade watch for it on Channel 12 (Verizon or Cox cable) and later on youtube.com. To purchase a CD of this year's parade, call 703-293-7120.

To learn more about this and other events of the day's celebration in Fairfax, visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration>.

If you have any **questions** about participating in this fun and important event, please phone our lodge Parade Committee Chairman Roy Schender at 703-655-4300 (cell) or email him at parade@italianheritagelodge.org

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