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



MAGGIO 2018 MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

Cari amici,

"When you're Italian, the mother is the center of your universe."

In this month of May, we set aside time to remember, honor, reflect, and lavish devotion upon our mothers and grandmothers and we are the recipients of that same devotion by our children and grandchildren as well. I wish our members the happiest of blessings and memories this Mother's Day!

Plans for the second annual Italy's Festa della Repubblica, scheduled for Saturday evening, June 9th are nearly complete. This festa celebrates the Italian national holiday commemorating the institutional referendum of 1946 when Italy became a Republic. The flyer will be available by the end of this week, but here is the information so far:

Date: June 9, 2018

*****Catered Dinner*****

by Piero's Corner Ristorante Italiano

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

*****Special Guests*****

Place: Church of the Nativity, Burke

***** Music/Entertainment*****

Oscar Bartoli

The Festa della Repubblica is a community effort between the Italian heritage groups in the Northern Virginia area: Italian Heritage Lodge/George Washington Lodge/OSDIA, Italian Heritage & Cultural Society of Church of the Nativity, St. Mary of Sorrows Italian Heritage Society and the Abruzzo & Molise Heritage Society of the Washington, D.C. Area. You will note that the Festa takes place on the evening of June 9th after our Bocce event. I would like to invite you all to make the entire day a celebration of our Italian culture and heritage and participate in both events if possible.

Sono felice di dare il benvenuto al nostro nuovo socio Sharon Strauchs. Spero che avremo tutti la possibilità di incontrarlo presto! Welcome to our newest member, Sharon Strauchs. Sharon attended the Installation Dinner and Ceremony and we were able to meet her initially, but I hope you all have the opportunity to meet her in the upcoming events.

Congratulazioni a Kerri (Sciscilo) e Mac Farrell per la nascita del loro primo figlio, Jack!

Congratulations to Kerri & Mac Farrell on the birth of their first child, Jack!

Our prayers and good wishes for a speedy recovery go to Carol Goldstone as she heals from a leg injury due to a fall in her home. She reports that she is 50% healed, is being a "good girl" and faithfully continuing all of her physical therapy exercises. She will get an updated report in 5 weeks and looks forward to seeing all of us in the not too distant future.

Con affetto!

Coletta

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

May 12	Monthly meeting and event	11:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M.	Italian Car Show Nottoway Park, Vienna, VA Lunch at <i>Pazzo Pomodoro</i> , Vienna, VA
<i>May 13</i>		<i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	
May 16	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Bertucci's Italian Restaurant 6525 Frontier Drive, Springfield
May 16	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
May 28		<i>Memorial Day</i>	
June 9	Bocce at Lillo's	Noon – 4 P.M.	Home of the Lillo's Alexandria, VA
June 9	Festa della Repubblica	6:00 – 9:00 P.M.	Church of the Nativity, Burke
June	Lunch Bunch	Noon	TBD
<i>June 17</i>		<i>Happy Father's Day</i>	

June 20	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
<i>July 4th</i>	<i>Independence Day</i>		
July 4	City of Fairfax Parade	9:00 A.M.	City of Fairfax
July	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
August	Annual Peach Picking & Lunch	TBD	TBD
September			
October			
November	Pizza & Movie Night	6:00 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
December 15	Festa di Natale	6:00 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall

Buon Compleanno

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Joanne Demarco	May 1
Frank Marcinkowski, Sr.	May 4
Francesco Falsinotti	May 7
June La Marca	May 10
Sal Guli	May 10
Cynthia Williams	May 17
David Strong	May 21
John Dovel	May 23
Yolanda Pelosi	May 26
Christopher Williams	May 28



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Buon Anniversario !



Roy & Sandy Schender	May 11
Gene & Carol LaColla	May 15
Kevin & Teresa Brady	May 23
Jerry & Julie DiCerbo	May 28

LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, May 16th at noon at Bertucci's, 6525 Frontier Drive across from the Springfield Towne Center. They are famous for their brick oven pizza and Italian specialties. 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.

*Please note the new date for our May gathering. **** May 12th *****

For all who love vintage and modern Italian cars, we will be attending the Concorso Italian DC, Italian Car Show.

IHL will be manning an information table at the Car Show providing information about the OSDIA and IHL Lodge.

All those interested in attending, we will meet at Nottoway Park in Vienna, VA at 11:00 a.m. (the start of the car show) and proceed to lunch at 1:00 p.m. at Pazzo Pomodoro, 118 Branch Road, SE, Vienna. Pazzo Pomodoro is 1.9 miles from Nottoway Park.

There are no admission costs for the car show, unless you are entering an Italian car!

For more information on the car show go to <https://www.dcitaiiancarshow.com/>

The Lunch Bunchers visited Pazzo Pomodoro last year and left with rave reviews.

The food and atmosphere are fantastico!

We must make a lunch reservation, so please contact VP Dawn to let her know if you will be attending. (703- 362- 1724 or falsinotti@yahoo.com)

Following is an excerpt from the Italian Car Show website:

"For years we've watched British, German, and Japanese marques host annual car shows in the area, and wondered why there was no Italian car show in Washington D.C. - the most influential city in the world - so this year we're going to have a trial run and start the tradition.

Held at Nottoway Park in Vienna, Virginia on May 12th, 2018, the second annual DC Italian Car Show will draw cars from Fiat, Alfa Romeo, Lancia, Ferrari, Maserati, Autobianchi, and Siata, as well as Italian motorcycles. Food trucks and music will be on site, as well as vehicle judging and awards, to include People's Choice, Best in Show, and others."



*2017 People Choice Winner
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The Italian Language Group held their get-together as scheduled on Saturday, March 25th at the home of Fran Mazarella. The group read an Italian language article on Jewish history in Italy and discussed it partly in Italian and partly in English. They enjoyed the terrific home-made Italian and Italian-American dishes contributed by members. April's meet up group was cancelled as many members were traveling. 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. Contact joe.lamarca@italianheritagelodge.org for more information.

Le nostre bellissime famiglie... ..

Buona Fortuna to **Dominic Affuso**, son of Jeff Affuso, who has applied for the Virginia OSDIA Foundation Scholarship and the Joseph Fulton Memorial Scholarship. He will graduate from Fairfax High School this year and is attending Bridgewater College this fall and will play football.

Recently, **Sofia Asiello** chose to do a project on her Italian Heritage for her 5th grade class during "Know Your Heritage" week at Bush Hill Elementary School. Costumes were made, dances performed, research on famous Italians and stories about family backgrounds and traditions were all part of the day's activities. The students looked great wearing the borrowed IHL sashes as part of their costumes.

More exciting news from the Asiello family as oldest granddaughter, **Haley Lipton**, graduates with honors from James Madison University this weekend. Haley has been selected to be the Speaker at the Friday ceremony with the whole Asiello family cheering her on at Friday's event and Saturday's Graduation ceremony. Haley has been accepted at the University of Pittsburg where she will obtain her Master's Degree in Social Work.

Following that weekend, their third eldest granddaughter, **Jordan O'Connor**, will be graduating in June from Loudoun Valley High School with honors and has been accepted at JMU this coming Fall. Jordan is a star player on the high school varsity soccer team and will be presented to the spectators at the upcoming game this weekend. John and Laura reflect on her senior year as a very memorable one.

Not to be forgotten, **Kyle Lipton**, their second eldest grandchild, will soon be completing his first year at West Point Military Academy and continues to do very well.

The next "12" in line continue to have good health and good grades, but most of all, they all love "Poppy's Pasta" as well they should – even 2 year old Samuel!

On Saturday, April 14th, Eleanor Lillo and her 8-year old grandson, Jon Williams, attended the "Little Chefs Lasagna Cooking Class" at Maggiano's in Tyson's Corner. Elli reports that "we arrived about 8 o'clock a.m. where we were greeted by Jennifer, the Banquet Manager. The first thing she did was give Jon a chef's hat, known as a toque, to decorate however he liked. The little chef's were given markers and stickers for the hat decorating. Once that was accomplished, in came "Chef Josh Jessee." He gathered all the aspiring young chefs around his demonstration table and had them participate in the lasagna layering process. Upon completion, the children hurried back to their personal stations where they utilized the items at their tables to create their own famous lasagna masterpiece! The table was adorned with bowls of ground beef, ricotta cheese, grated mozzarella cheese and marinara sauce. Each little chef had a rectangular shaped aluminum pan in which they prepared their lasagna. Once the young chefs were done the adults and children were invited to partake of Maggiano's wonderful lasagna accompanied by Caesar salad. When they

finished they took their masterpiece home to bake for their entire family to enjoy. The event lasted until 10:30 and it will be a day that Jon and I will remember for a long time!"

Dominic, Colette & Lucia Sciscilo surprised Nonna Coletta with an early "Mother's Day" gift when they presented her with an autographed copy of "Giada's Italy". The long wait to meet Giada wasn't so bad for small children when they were served bruschetta and pasta in line! Nonna was mostly proud to hear that as they were leaving, they remembered to say "Ciao, Giada!"


***Little Chef's Lasagna Cooking Class
At Maggiano's***



*Book signing of
"Giada's Italy"
by Giada De Laurentiis*

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