



La Bandiera



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

**MAGGIO 2023
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Welcome,

April showers bring May flowers, and it looks like the whole world is in bloom. The rebirth of Spring, such a feast for the senses.

We've all been busy at IHL. We spent this weekend in VA Beach at the Grand Lodge's Centennial Convention. A wrap up of the event and festivities is forthcoming.

April's event, "Stamps of the Vatican" with Daniel Piazza, was a terrific presentation with history and timeline. Well attended, we received a lot of positive feedback.

Don't forget this weekend is Italian BINGO. Traditional Bingo with an Italian Twist. Fifteen (15) games of Bingo, plus dinner, for \$25. Lots of great Italian prizes. Don't forget Mother's Day is May 14. Please rsvp, we look forward to seeing you Saturday.

*All the best,
Dawn*

BENVENUTA !

IHL is pleased once again to welcome a new member. Maria Carolla has the distinct honor of becoming IHL's youngest and newest member. Many of you know Maria already as she has been attending recent events, and like an old timer, she has been assisting with events and getting to know our members. Molto Grazie to Sandy and Roy Schender for sponsoring Maria's membership. Diane and Bob Singleton, new members as well, joined the Happy Hour group last Tuesday, so we had a chance to meet and get to know them while enjoying their company.

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IL CALENDARIO

May 6	Italian Bingo*	5:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Hall
May 9	Executive Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	The Esposito's
May 11	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Dolce Vita 10824 Fairfax Blvd.
May 14	<i>Festa della mamma</i>		
May 23	Happy Hour	5:00 p.m.	Coyote Grille 10266 Main St., Fairfax
May 27	Italian Language Group**	6:00 p.m.	Home of Nannette Croce
June 2	<i>Festa della Repubblica Italiana</i>		
June 10	<i>Giochiamo a bocce</i>	Noon-4:00 p.m.	5104 Colebrook Place Alexandria, VA
June 18	<i>Festa del papà</i>		
July 8	Fourth of July Brunch & White Elephant Sale	11:00 a.m.	K of C Hall
August TBD	Under the Boardwalk "Casino Night"	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall
September 9	Meet & Greet Spaghetti Dinner With Guest Speakers	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall
October 14	Guest Speaker	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall
November 11	Guest Speaker	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall

Look further into this Newsletter for details about this Saturday's Italian Bingo night.

BOCCE AT THE LILLO'S – We are in need of a few fellows to assist with set up for the bocce event. Please contact Dennis or Ellie Lillo if you have the time to arrive a little bit early to help set up or offer any other assistance needed. Don't forget to RSVP (delillo1@verizon.net) also as we will need a head count for the food purchasing. Stay tuned for more information regarding costs and the menu. Bring your beverage of choice and come ready to play your best game of bocce on the Lillo's official bocce court. A flyer will go out shortly.

* RSVP to Dawn Falsinotti (falsinotti@vahoo.com)

** RSVP to Dennis Ferrara (dennisferrara@hey.com)

IHL Language & Dinner Group

~ Cena e conversazione ~

The IHL Language Group gathered on Saturday, April 29th, at the elegant Alexandria home of Francesca Mazzarella for an evening of dinner, language study and conversation in “*la bella lingua Italiana*”. *Molto grazie* to Francesca for hosting this month’s group in her home and for providing the main course, to all attendees contributing delicious food, dessert, and wine, and to Dennis Ferrara for providing the Italian “*lezione*”.

A quote from Saturday’s attendees, Kal and Nancy Maiwand: “*Ieri sera è stato un grande successo, grazie a Dennis per averla organizzata, a Francesca per averla ospitata e a tutti per il loro contributo. Spero di vedervi presto, ma non sarà il mese prossimo.*”

The next language group *cena e conversazione* is planned for May 27 and will meet at the Old Town Alexandria home of Nannette Croce. You can email Dennis Ferrara at dennisferrara@hey.com if you have questions or are interested in joining.



*Photographs provided by
Nancy Maiwand*

The goal of the IHL Language Group is to promote our Italian heritage through language by creating opportunities to practice and improve our ability to speak Italian. To that end, we strive to create a friendly and pleasant environment for our meetings. Specifically, we meet monthly in a social setting to speak as much Italian as we can.

MAY BIRTHDAYS



June La Marca	May 10
Joseph Scafetta, Jr.	May 10
John Asiello	May 17
David Strong	May 21
John Dovel	May 23
Diane Singleton	May 26

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Sandy and Roy Schender
May 11



Your lodge council at work.....

IHL currently has all positions filled for its Executive Council, Trustees and chairmanships!

Congratulations to Joseph (Sonny) Scafetta, Jr. for his new position as Publicity Chairman. Sonny has jumped right in and has already made many contacts around the area to enhance our presence in the general Fairfax area and beyond. Ever so diligent, Sonny keeps the council members informed of his progress at each turn as well so we can make informed decisions.

At the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the 38th Biennial Convention, IHL Executive Council members were elected to GLVA Grand Council positions: Coletta Sciscilo as Trustee, and Marianne Hallahan and Charles Romano to the Arbitration Committee.

With the production of our new IHL Banner successfully completed, we are moving on to updating and enhancing our Website. As things progress, we will keep members informed!

Italian Heritage Lodge sends its deepest sympathies to the families of Rosalie Alligood and Carol LaColla.

Rosalie, a current member and wife of Paul Alligood, and Carol, a former member and wife of Gene LaColla, were truly lovely ladies and beloved by our lodge members. We grieve with their loved ones at their passing and remember the wonderful times we had with them and the joy and laughter we shared in each other's company throughout the years.

† Riposate in pace cari amici †

Daniel A. Piazza, Chief Curator of the National Postal Museum,
Presented a Talk on the Stamps of Vatican City to the Italian Heritage Lodge in Fairfax

Daniel A. Piazza, Chief Curator of the National Postal Museum (NPM) in Washington, D.C., gave a talk on the stamps of Vatican City to about 25 enthusiastic members of the Italian Heritage Lodge on Saturday evening, April 15, 2023. During his talk, Mr. Piazza's showed members stamps and letters from his personal collection. The talk was followed by a question-and-answer period and an Italian dinner prepared by members of the lodge.

Mr. Piazza was born on Staten Island, New York. He earned a B.A. in history from Wagner College in 1998 and an M.A. in history from Syracuse University in 2004. He came to Washington in 2007 to work for the Smithsonian Institution and is now the Curator of Philately in the NPM where he is responsible for exhibitions, research, and acquisitions related to the six million postage stamps and postal artifacts of the NPM. He is a former editor of the Vatican Philatelic Society journal, *Vatican Notes*.



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ORDER SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN
AMERICA
38TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION – APRIL 28-29, 2023
CELEBRATION OF 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GLVA

The Grand Lodge of Virginia (GLVA) held its 38th Biennial Convention at the Roma Lodge, Virginia Beach, VA this past weekend (April 28-29, 2023). The convention was also a celebration of Grand Lodge of Virginia's 100th Anniversary.

Italian Heritage Lodge sent nine members to the convention for two days of meetings, grand lodge business, elections and installations of new officers and grand council members, dining and dancing, raffles, prizes, and a well-researched and presented history of the Grand Lodge of Virginia from its inception in November 1922 to the present time.

Thank you to John Asiello (Arbitration Committee) and Marianne Hallahan (Trustee) for their service to the Grand Lodge for the past two years. And Congratulations to Coletta Sciscilo (Trustee) and Marianne Hallahan and Charles Romano (Arbitration Committee) for their elections to the next term. Molto grazie to Trustee Carol Cassella for her beautiful lemon-themed gift basket creation donated by IHL for the GLVA auction. It was one of the most sought-after items and won by Kathy Drummond.

A special convention edition of *Il Giornale* is forthcoming with pictures, highlights, spotlights, and more.



*Teresa Scafetta, Joseph Scafetta, III, Marianne Hallahan,
Joseph Scafetta, Jr., Coletta Sciscilo, William Wiegand, Dawn
Falsinotti, Charles Romano, and Vivian Mott.*

ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE
"ITALIAN BINGO NIGHT"
SATURDAY, MAY 6TH
5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM
ST. LEO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL



WIN Italian Prizes
WINES,
CHOCOLATES,
COFFEE, OLIVE
OIL, CERAMICS,
SOAPS, &
MORE

15 Games
and Dinner
for \$25.00

*Win something nice
for your mom on
Mother's Day*

PLEASE RSVP TO DAWN AT
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HELP WANTED

See VP Charlie Romano for more information.

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Torta Della Nonna

Torta della Nonna is a simple, rustic Italian dessert that is loved throughout Italy!

This homely tart consists of lemony, tender shortcrust filled with a luscious Italian pastry cream and is an absolutely ideal way to end any meal!!

Ingredients

Custard

2 ½ cups whole milk
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
4 egg yolks
¾ cup superfine (castor) sugar
¼ cup all purpose flour

Pastry

2 cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon lemon zest
½ teaspoon baking powder
Pinch salt
5 ounces unsalted butter cut into small chunks
½ cup superfine (castor) sugar
3 egg yolks
1 tablespoon pinenuts

To finish

Powdered sugar for dusting

Instructions:

To make the filling:

Heat the milk and vanilla extract in a medium saucepan until it just comes to the boil. Set aside to cool slightly.

In a medium bowl, use a wire whisk to beat the egg yolks and sugar well until light and creamy. Stir in the flour.

With a whisk, gradually add in the warm milk. Whisk well so that no lumps form.

Strain the milk mixture back into the saucepan. Return to the heat and stir (I like to use a whisk) until it thickens. Boil for about a minute to cook the flour.

Remove from the heat and pour into a clean bowl covering with plastic wrap. Press the plastic onto the surface of the filling to prevent a skin forming. Set aside to cool completely.

To make the pastry:

In a food processor place the flour, lemon zest, baking powder, salt and butter. Pulse until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs.

Add the sugar and egg yolks then process until the mixture just starts to come together on the sides of the bowl. Remove and wrap in plastic wrap and chill for an hour.

Preheat oven to 350°F/180°C and grease a 10 inch/25cm tart pan with a removable base with non-stick cooking spray.

Soak pinenuts in a small bowl of water.

Divide the dough in two pieces, with one slightly larger.

Take the larger piece. Press it down to flatten and form a rough circle. Dust the pastry lightly with flour.

Roll out the larger piece between two pieces of nonstick baking paper until large enough to fit the tart pan. If the pastry is sticking, dust with a little more flour.

Roll the pastry gently around the rolling pin. Lift and unroll into the pan. Pull up the pastry around the sides and encourage it to fall into the corners. Patch tears with excess pastry. Trim the edges level to the top of the pan.

Spoon the cool pastry cream into the base. Spread and level the filling.

Roll out the second piece of pastry as you did with the first and fit over the pastry cream, pressing the edges to seal and then trim off excess. Brush the top with water.

Drain the pine nuts and sprinkle over the torta.

Bake in preheated oven for 40 minutes.

Allow to cool. Carefully remove torta from the pan and place on a serving plate. Dust with abundant powdered sugar. Serve at room temperature or chilled.



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under Italian desserts

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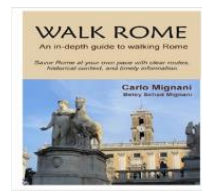
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