



# La Bandiera

*The Banner*



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

**APRILE 2019**  
**MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA**

*Cari amici,*

*It is with a great sense of pride that I deliver my first President's message for the Italian Heritage Lodge Newsletter. This year's Installation of Officers Ceremony, Social Hour and Dinner, catered by Mama Lucia of Fairfax, was held on March 9<sup>th</sup> and combined with the George Washington Lodge. Approximately 60 members and guests were in attendance, including Bob Amante, Grand Lodge of Virginia OSIA State President, and his wife Beverly. We congratulate all of the new officers and offer our utmost thanks to those IHL members who served us well last year. I especially want to thank those members who worked hard to assure that this important event was a success and enjoyed by all. I am particularly thankful to our Immediate Past President, Nicolette Sciscilo, for her graciousness and unyielding dedication to the lodge over the past three years. Working beside her for the past two years has been a joy and a thoroughly rewarding experience.*

*Dawn*

*Congratulations to the Officers and Trustees who were installed for the 2019-2020 year:*

*President – Dawn Falsinotti  
Vice President – Joe Cardinale  
Immediate Past President – Colette Sciscilo  
Orator – Fred Michaelangelo  
Recording Secretary – Eleanor Lillo  
Financial Secretary – Dot Saia  
Treasurer – Cynthia Williams  
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Rosalie Ciccotelli  
John Dovel  
Marianne Hallahan  
Dennis Lillo  
Nancy Perrelli  
Sentinal – Sal Guli  
Master of Ceremonies – Roy Schender  
Mistress of Ceremonies – Renee Signorelli*

*Our 2019-2020 Installation of Officers Ceremony and Dinner was jointly held with the George Washington Lodge and presided over by Robert and Beverly Amante and Joseph Scafetta, Jr. There were 60 people in attendance combining both lodges. The dinner was catered by Mamma Lucia, in Fairfax, with dessert provided by The Esposito's Italian Restaurant, also in Fairfax. By everyone's account, the food, dessert, and vino were excellent and excellent choices for the evening's event. We welcomed some new guests and new members and enjoyed the company of some old friends. Much appreciation and thanks to John, his crew, all those who helped to clean and set up the hall, as well as those who helped to serve our meal and clean up at the end of the evening. It takes many hands to make an event successful and enjoyed by many people. Thank you also to Tom Ammazalorso for recommending Mamma Lucia and for delivering the very generous amounts of food provided by owner Rosa Di Savino. Thank you to Roy Schender for the fine job he did as our Master of Ceremonies.*

*We are pleased to welcome our two newest members Rupert and Sharon Harmon. The Harmons joined us for the Installation Dinner and Ceremony in March and instantly became members of IHL. We look forward to seeing you at many of our upcoming events. And thank you to Frank and Susan Bonsiero for guiding them to IHL. Benvenuti!*

*"Congratulazioni" to Judy McCloskey on becoming a first-time "Nonna" with the birth of "una bellissima bambina" Sophia Claire. Judy was on hand to help her daughter and son-in-law as brand new parents, lending her valuable expertise after raising her own six children.*

*Congratulazioni anche a John Asiello – Through the Virginia OSIA Foundation, a \$2,000 scholarship has been established by an anonymous donor in John's name to begin in 2020. The Foundation has encouraged contributions to this scholarship fund and they should be sent to the Foundation in care of Mr. Jim DeLucia. Please contact Colette Sciscilo for Jim's address.*

*Please keep Dolly Daugherty and her family in your prayers.*

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Webmaster: Joe La Marca

Lodge Member Serving on the Grand Council of Virginia: Marianne Hallahan

### SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

April 10	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Ciao Osteria 14115 St. Germain Dr. Centreville
April 13	Dinner and Evening Of Italian Music	6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
April 17	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
April 21	<i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>		
April 27	IHL Language Group	6:00 P.M.	Peter & Kathleen Ognibene's home
May 2-4	OSDIA/GLVA 36 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention		Sterling, VA
May 8	Lunch Bunch	Noon	TBD
May 11	Bingo Night	6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
May 15	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
June 1	IHL Language Group	6:00 P.M.	Fran Mazarella's home
June 8	Bocce at the Lillo's	11:00 A.M.	5104 Colebrook Place Alexandria
July 4	Independence Day Parade	TBD	City of Fairfax
August 17-19	K of C Hall Clean up	TBD	K of C Hall

*Buon Compleanno*  
APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Anthony Gelona	April 1
Susan Bonsiero	April 3
Carlo Magnani	April 3
Teresa Scafetta	April 5
Linda Moran	April 8
Marianne Hallahan	April 15
Flo Primeggia	April 20
Fred Ingham	April 29

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

*Buon Anniversario !*



Joe & Renee Signorelli  
April 5

Armando & Elisabetta Lazarte  
April 10

**LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The April Lunch Bunch will be held on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at noon at Ciao Osteria, located at 14115 Saint Germain Drive, Centreville. Ciao Osteria is an authentic Italian eatery featuring delicious entrees and Neapolitan wood-fired pizza made completely from scratch. Ciao is a family friendly restaurant serving true traditional Italian recipes made with the freshest, most authentic ingredients available. Please contact Dennis at 703-354-2454 or email him at [delillo1@verizon.net](mailto:delillo1@verizon.net) if you would like to join with your IHL brothers and sisters for a fun dining experience.*

*The IHL Italian Language Group* March get-together was hosted by Carol Ann and Ken Linder who did a wonderful job of welcoming all of us. Our evening usually begins with vino, antipasti, "le chiacchiere" (chitchat), before our hosts pronounce "tutto sul tavolo per mangiare." Carol Ann and Ken provided worksheets of Italian "dialogo", readings and translations of Italian idioms, etc. – all interesting and fun! The several hours we all spend together are not too intense, but always a fun language learning experience, with great food and many laughs. The next two monthly language meet-ups are scheduled for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 Italian cuisine, the value of vocabulary building and the practice of conversing in Italian. Contact [joe.lamarca@italianheritagelodge.org](mailto:joe.lamarca@italianheritagelodge.org) for more information about becoming part of our language group for some fun with your fellow lodge brothers and sisters. Potential new group members are always welcome to join us!

*We are very pleased to announce that on April 13<sup>th</sup> IHL will be hosting an evening of beautiful Italian music. Our members and guests will be wowed by the stunning singing voice of Tess Florek who will sing many of the songs of our youth, our beloved Italy, those we, and our families, all grew up singing. Her performance will follow a delicious Italian dinner. So please mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. The event will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall, St. Leo's. See the flyer with all of the information about the evening at the end of this Newsletter. The cost to defray our expenses will be \$10 per member and \$15 per non-member. An RSVP is required by April 8th. Pre-payment is appreciated and can be made payable to Italian Heritage Lodge #2517, and mailed to Colette Sciscilo, 10150 Forest Hill Circle, Manassas, VA 20110.*



*The OSDIA-GLVA 36<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention* will be held this year on the weekend of May 3-4, 2019 at the Hyatt House in Sterling, Virginia, with a Hospitality Suite on Thursday evening, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is not too late to attend as a delegate as the Convention Registration deadline is **April 8, 2019**. IHL is allowed 11 delegates not including the President. If you are interested in attending, please let Dawn know. Registration forms for delegates and non-delegates are at the end of this Newsletter.

*A July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade committee is now forming.* Please email President Dawn if you would like to assist in the preparations, decorating and have some creative ideas for the presentation of IHL at the Fairfax City Parade this year. Our presence is important in the community and this is a wonderful opportunity for us to be seen as the proud Italian - Americans that we are!

Our Education Chair and director of the Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia, Elisabetta Lazarte, has announced her upcoming Italian Language Classes for Spring 2019. Classes begin April 29<sup>th</sup> and go through June 25<sup>th</sup>, in various locations and for various levels ranging from Beginner to Intermediate Advanced. Please contact Elisabetta at [Bsmile24@aol.com](mailto:Bsmile24@aol.com) or 703-887-1995 for a schedule and registration information.



*Pictures like this one are typical of street scenes all throughout Italian cities. They offer the opportunity to people watch or enjoy a cappuccino and cornetto in the ambiance of an ancient city.*

*Often at the end of these hidden streets, just as the corner opens, are piazzas, obelisks, fountains, flower stands and churches.*

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# *“Una notte di musica italiana!”*

*Saturday, April 13, 2019*

*6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

*St. Leo the Great, Knights of Columbus Hall*

*3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA*

*Join your IHL members, families and guests for an evening of  
beautiful Italian music, featuring*

## *Tess Florek*

*Praised for a “perfectly lovely voice that is a pleasure to the ears.”*

*Tess is a competition winner and avid performer who has sung  
throughout the United States, Italy, France and Poland with a  
repertoire ranging from musical theatre, classical and popular music.*

*Dinner prior to the performance will be  
Eggplant Parmigiana, Stuffed Shells,  
Chicken Regina, Sausage and Peppers,  
Penne Bolognese, Insalata,  
Garlic Bread  
Dolce*

*Cost: \$10.00 – members*

*\$15.00 – non-members*

*RSVP required*

*To: Coletta Sciscilo*

*Phone: (703) 795-2231*

*Email: colette.sciscilo@gmail.com*

*Please RSVP by April 8th*



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

36<sup>th</sup> Biennial Grand Lodge Convention  
Order of the Sons & Daughters of Italy in America  
GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA  
Hosted by: The Grand Lodge of Virginia



### **WHEN**

Thursday, May 2, 2019 – Saturday, May 4, 2019  
Actual Convention Friday and Saturday

### **WHERE**

Hyatt House  
45520 Dulles Plaza  
Sterling, Va. 20166

### **ROOM RATES**

\$95.00 with 13% tax cost should be around \$107.35  
This rate applies to double or single suites

Each lodge president and each board member will be emailed a link to the Hyatt House reservation for OSDIA. The link can also be found on our website at [vaosia.org](http://vaosia.org). People can also call the Hyatt House at 888-264-7035. They must request the "OSDIA" block to book their reservation.

**All rooms MUST be booked by April 1, 2019 to get the OSDIA rate**

### **DELEGATE COSTS AND COSTS FOR NON DELEGATE MEALS**

**Delegate fee per person:** \$140.00 This includes Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast, morning snack, lunch, midday snack and banquet, and all associated convention materials.

**Non Delegate meals:**

Friday Dinner: \$38.00  
Saturday Lunch: \$35.00  
Saturday Banquet: \$45.00





**Grand Lodge of Virginia  
Order Sons of Italy in America  
36<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention – May 3-4, 2019  
Meal(s) Registration Form**



*Please use this form if you will only be joining us for meals.  
(Non Delegates)*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please print legibly)**

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

		<u># People</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Friday Dinner Buffet @ Hyatt House</b>	<b>\$38.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>Saturday Lunch @Hyatt House</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>Saturday Banquet @ Hyatt House</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>	_____	_____

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** **\$**\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the **Grand Lodge of Virginia** and mail with form to:

Beverly Amante, 1040 Clipper Drive, Hampton, Va. 23669

**QUESTIONS:** email [beverlyamante@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyamante@gmail.com) or [bamantephs@cox.net](mailto:bamantephs@cox.net)

**Registration deadline is Monday, April 8, 2019**



**Grand Lodge of Virginia  
Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America  
36<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention – May 3 - 4, 2019  
Registration Form**



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print legibly)  
Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions please call Grand Lodge President Bob Amante at 757-851-9453 or 775-2754

	<u># People</u>	<u>Total</u>
Convention Registration Fee (per person):	<b>\$140.00</b>	\$ _____

Includes: Thursday night Hospitality Suite, Friday night dinner, lunch on Saturday, morning and afternoon snack on Saturday plus the Banquet on Saturday evening at the Hotel; plus all documents, credentials, and convention materials.

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**Please check 2 committees you would like to be on. Number them 1 and 2. Committee Meeting will be held Friday afternoon (you will be assigned, if you do not chose):**

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CSJ \_\_\_

**Registration deadline is Monday, April 8, 2019**

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**Hotel Information**  
**Hyatt House 45520 Dulles Plaza Sterling, Va. 20166**

Online booking link will be sent to all board members and presidents. It will also be available on our website. You may also make reservations by calling 888.264.7035. If you call you must request "OSDIA" block to make the reservation. Rooms are \$95.00 per night plus tax. If you have questions or there are no rooms left, contact me at 757-851-9453 and I'll try to answer any questions and/or call and ask that they release more rooms.

**Hotel registration deadline is April 1, 2019.**

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