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

**AGOSTO 2021
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Cari amici,

The dog days of August are upon us and many are enjoying vacation time and the slower pace of summer. Ferragosto is just beginning In Italy.

The IHL added three new members in July. A big welcome to Maria Buchert, Charlie Kraiger and Charles Romano. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

We had a great turnout for our Happy Hour this past Thursday. The addition of these monthly get togethers has proven to be a winner. Just another opportunity for our lodge members to gather and enjoy each other's company.

We lost a beloved lodge member last week. Tony Musco passed away after a short illness. Tony and Jane, his wife, have been IHL members for many years. Tony lived an amazing life, serving our country in three wars and fathering six daughters. Please read more about Tony further down in the newsletter. Please keep Jane and their family in your prayers.

Please take the time to read the newsletter; there is a lot of valuable and interesting information in it.

*All the best,
Dawn*



Benvenuti to our newest members, Maria Buchert and Charlie Kraiger. Maria is a friend of our Trustee, Loretta D'Amica and we are thankful to Loretta for bringing Maria to our recent events and gatherings. We have enjoyed talking with her and getting to know her and we hope that as our lodge gets back into full gear you all will enjoy meeting her as well. Many of you may already know Charlie Kraiger, who is a member of the St. Leo Knights of Columbus, and has attended IHL events in the past and currently. He has now joined IHL and we welcome him.

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Joseph Scafetta, Jr., Former State President

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FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

August 11	Lunch Bunch*	Noon	Mamma Lucia Fair City Mall
August 15	<i>Buon Ferragosto</i>		
August 26	Happy Hour	5:30 PM	Giardino Italian Restaurant Kings Park Shop. Center
September 12	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 AM	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
October 9	“Rock the Grapes” *		Veramar Vineyard Berryville, VA

We are happy to return to our very popular monthly “Lunch Bunch” – Join your IHL friends for lunch on Wednesday, August 11th at noon at Mamma Lucia Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant, Fair City Mall, 9650 Main Street, #40, Fairfax. Momma Lucia was voted “Best Pizza” by Washingtonian and is described as “Ottima cucina italiana” since 1987. IHL enjoyed a catered event by Mamma Lucia (pre-covid) and their catered dinner got rave reviews. Please RSVP to President Dawn (falsinotti@yahoo.com) to make your reservation.

This month’s “Happy Hour”: For all who feel comfortable meeting, we will meet on Thursday, August 26th, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. for al fresco drinks and dining at Giardino Italian Restaurant, Kings Park Shopping Center, 8944 Burke Lake Road, Springfield. No RSVP is needed.

Mark your calendars for our wine event, Saturday, October 9th when we will visit Veramar Winery, Virginia’s Premier Winery & Vineyard, located in the Shenandoah Valley. If you would like to read about this distinguished winery and vineyard, go to veramar.com The “Rock the Grapes” event is totally family friendly with wine tastings, wine buying, music groups (after 5 p.m.). You can purchase food or bring your own, and there are about 8-10 food vendors, including a pizza oven truck that sells phenomenal pizzas. You will also see about 20 vendors for craft shopping. Rain or Shine the event will go on. Cost is \$20.00 for adults and free for those under 18 years old. We will need to make reservations by September 1st to reserve space so please contact Sharon Strauchs, our Membership Chairperson, at Sharon@tlc-nv.com

Effective July 1, 2021 our new dues structure will come into effect. Each member will be billed by email for the remaining 6 months of 2021 and prorated accordingly. You should have received an email from Laura Strong, our Financial Secretary, with new information on your amount due and where to mail your dues payment. In January 2022 we will issue new invoices for that year.

*RSVP required for these events – email Dawn at falsinotti@yahoo.com

Thanks, everyone, for meeting with me at the beautiful, Sunday brunch. It was nice to have a chance to get to know you.

As you are aware, as your new Membership Chairperson, it is my responsibility to grow our dwindling numbers so that this wonderful IHS group functions well into the future. For most of us, it is absolutely critical that our heritage is 1. respected, and 2. continues to the next generations.

I appreciate all your ideas of where to advertise.

However, I cannot do this alone. Please help me by 1. finding out where to advertise, 2. see if the location is free, 3. if it costs, how much is the cost, 4. advertising deadlines, 5. help us find GREAT locations for handouts and fliers. *My company will fund the cost of these fliers. If you need fliers, tell me how many and the size.*

Again, I need a committee to help me. Like all of you, I have a hectic life and no one person can rebuild IHS alone. I need help AND a committee.

Let's do this together, and have a glorious time doing it!

Please respond to let me know you received this group email.

I hope to hear from you soon!

Cordially,
Sharon Peruzzi Strauchs
Sharon@tlc-nv.com

Limoncello

Ingredients:

10 lemons
1 liter vodka
3 cups white sugar
4 cups water

**Zest the lemons, and place zest into a large glass bottle or jar.
Pour in vodka. Cover loosely and let infuse for one week at room temperature.**



After one week, combine sugar and water in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil. Do not stir. Boil for 15 minutes. Allow syrup to cool to room temperature.

Stir vodka mixture into syrup. Strain into glass bottles, and seal each bottle with a cork. Let mixture age for 2 weeks at room temperature.

Place bottled liqueur into the freezer. When icy cold, serve in chilled vodka glasses or shot glasses.

Buon Compleanno
e Tanti Auguri!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

John Tarlano	August 6
Tommaso Ammazalorso	August 13
Louis Moshetto	August 14
Russell DeRose	August 20
Carol Cassella	August 25
Dennis Lillo	August 25
Gloria Moscatello	August 26
Eleanor Lillo	August 28
Joanne Cooke	August 28

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Carmine & Flo Primeggia	August 13
Rupert & Sharon Harmon	August 17
Carlo & Betsy Mignani	August 22

Another Italian-themed stamp to be issued by the U.S. Postal Service

by
Joseph (Sonny) Scafetta Jr.

The U.S. Postal Service will issue another Italian-themed stamp on Thursday, August 12, when it will release a stamp recognizing bocce as one of eight popular back yard games. Bocce, also spelled boccie and bocci, originated in Italy and is played with differently colored wooden bowling balls and a small white ball, known as the pallino, on a long, narrow, flat, clay or dirt court. The other seven games being recognized are badminton, corn hole also known as bean bag toss, croquet, frisbee throwing, horse shoe tossing, tether ball, and baseball.

The first day of issue ceremony will take place during the Great American Stamp Show to be held in Hall G of the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont outside Chicago, Illinois. A pane of 16 forever stamps, showing two of each game, may be purchased nationwide at all local post offices starting on Friday, August 13. The price for a single pane will be \$8.80. On Sunday, August 29, the price will increase to \$9.28 when the first-class mailing rate will go up to 58 cents. The pane will be available until August 11, 2022, when it will go off sale.



In 2017, our member Tony Musco, received the Grand Lodge of Virginia State Award. Here is the award as it was presented to Tony:

2017 Grand Lodge of Virginia State Award
Anthony Musco
Trustee, Italian Heritage Lodge

The Grand Lodge of Virginia, Order Sons of Italy in America, presents an award certificate to Anthony Musco for outstanding service, resulting in exceptional benefit to Italian Heritage Lodge #2517 and the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Tony has been a member of the Italian Heritage Lodge since April 2012 and has made significant contributions of time and energy from his very first meeting, consistently demonstrating a high level of commitment to IHL, GLVA and OSIA.

In his first year as a member, Tony volunteered to be Santa for our Annual Children's Christmas Party and has continued every year since. He has played Santa for various charitable children's programs for over 50 years. All personal contributions received from these appearances have been donated to his favorite children's charities.

As an elected Trustee of our lodge his participation at meetings is significant. He volunteers at lodge activities including preparation of the hall for meetings and events, assisting with our annual lodge picnic, and is very successful in obtaining sponsorships for our Casino Night Fundraiser.

He improved our Lodge's public visibility as participants in the City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade by securing two large banners bearing our lodge name for the parade truck which 20,000 attendees see. His grandson, a professional soundman, manages the truck's speaker system which greatly enhances our quality of Italian music.

Anthony Musco is an outstanding member and proud Italian who brings great credit upon himself, the Italian Heritage Lodge and the Order Sons of Italy in America.

Colette Sciscilo
President, Italian Heritage Lodge



Meet The Scafetta Family - Sonny, Teri & Joey Scafetta

Joseph “Sonny” Scafetta Jr. was born in the city of Chester, Penna., in 1947. His father Giuseppe had emigrated as a teenager from the city of Vasto on the Adriatic coast in the province of Chieti in the region of Abruzzo in early 1915 to Washington, D.C., before Italy entered World War I. The family moved to the borough of Pottstown, Penna., when Sonny was 12 and he graduated from the Pottstown Senior High School in 1965. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering from the Pennsylvania State University in 1969, a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1972, and a Masters in Patent Law degree from Georgetown University in 1973. From October 1973 to December 1974, he served as a law clerk for a federal trial judge in Columbia, South Carolina. Beginning in January 1975 to date, he has been employed as an associate at various law firms in the District of Columbia, Arlington and Alexandria. To enhance his management skills, he earned a Masters of Business Administration degree with honors from the George Washington University in 1983. He has also had 15 articles published in various legal journals over the years. Two of them have won awards. He is currently employed part time as senior counsel for the intellectual property law firm of Diththavong, Steiner & Mlotkowski in Old Town. Sonny is fluent in Italian. He has also studied Spanish and French.

In 1979 Sonny joined the Avanti Italiani Lodge, a lodge for singles, and served as its president from 1981 until 1983 when he was elected as the orator on the Grand Council of Virginia. He married another member, Teresa Talierco, on July 4, 1986, and they honeymooned in Italy where they visited relatives in Rome, Vasto and Ischia. They then transferred to the George Washington Lodge. Sonny was elected state president in 1993 and served one two-year term. He continued on the Grand Council in different positions until 2007 for a total of 24 consecutive years which is still a state record. The main focus of his tenure on the Grand Council was the Commission for Social Justice. Sonny, Teri and their son Joey are now members of our lodge.

Teresa “Teri” Margaret Talierco was born in the borough of Coatesville, Penna., in 1951. Her paternal grandfather Giovanni had emigrated from the island of Ischia in the Gulf of Naples and her paternal grandmother, Olivia Nerone, had emigrated from the city of Naples. Teri graduated from Coatesville Senior High School in 1969. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology from Trinity College (now University) in Washington, D.C. in 1973 and a Master of Arts degree in clinical psychology from Loyola University in Baltimore, Md., in 1975. She then went to work as a family counselor for Dominion Psychiatric Hospital in Falls Church. In 1982, she joined the Avanti Italiani Lodge and studied Italian for two years. She served as its president from 1984 until 1986 when she married Sonny Scafetta on July 4 of that year. They then transferred from that singles lodge to the George Washington Lodge where she served as president from 1993 to 1995. They eventually transferred to our lodge. She continued to work for the psychiatric hospital until 1998 when their only child was born. After the birth, she opened a solo private family counseling practice which she continues to operate full time in McLean.

Joseph “Joey” Anthony Scafetta III was born in Washington, D.C., in 1998. When he was 4, he traveled to Italy with his parents to visit relatives. He joined our lodge in 2016 when he turned 18. He studied Italian for two years and was a member of the National Honor Society. He graduated *cum laude* from Bishop Ireton Catholic High School in Alexandria in May 2017. He was awarded the Joseph Fulton Memorial Scholarship from the Grand Lodge of Virginia at the state convention in June 2017. He is currently enrolled at Marymount University in Arlington. He is studying mathematics and information technology. Since he is pursuing a dual degree, he is entering his “super” senior year in the Fall of 2021. He expects to graduate in May 2022.



Sonny & Teri
Celebrating
Their 35th
Anniversary
in
Long Beach
Island, NJ



BOSA (SARDINIA)

Bosa is a town and comune in the province of Oristano, part of the Sardinia region of Italy. It is located about two-thirds of the way up the west coast of Sardinia, on a small hill, about 3 kilometers inland on the north bank of the Temo River. Bosa is a mix of traditional and modern, it has a unique and compelling historic center. There is a warren of cobbled streets with pastel colored medieval tower houses called Sa Costa. The main street in the old town, Corso Vittorio Emanuele, is lined by 19th-century palazzos with wrought iron balconies, and interesting shops, cafes and bars. Castello Malaspina, dating from 1112, guards Bosa at the top of the hill. The River Temo runs through Bosa and is lined with palm trees on one bank and derelict tanneries on the other, which are of historic and national significance. Bosa is a member of 'I Borghi più Belli d'Italia' (The most beautiful villages in Italy) an association of small Italian towns.



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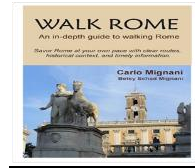


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