



# La Bandiera

*The Banner*



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

FEBBRAIO 2019  
MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

*Cari amici,*

*Making the change from evening to afternoon for our January White Elephant Sale proved to be successful. We enjoyed a large, enthusiastic crowd with many items for auction. As we have come to expect, our terrific auctioneers were in great form and made the afternoon fly by – thankfully we were all able to get on our way before the snow storm began. The proceeds for the day were \$301.00 and a determination will be made on how to best use these funds. Grazie a tutti! You all were so very generous, but I have to say there were some great items to auction off. June and Roy – thank you once again – you truly make this day with your fun personalities and enthusiasm.*

*Trustee Joe Cardinale has not only donated his time and talents for playing Santa at our Festa di Natale, he has also donated back to the lodge our gift to him of \$50.00. Joe would like IHL to donate the funds to our charities. Thank you, Joe. You are truly a blessing to our lodge.*

*We are all looking forward to this month's **Casino Night** to be held on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus hall. All of the information can be found on the flyers at the end of this Newsletter. We are just a week away, so we are in need of prizes in the forms of gift cards, gift certificates, wine and other gifts appropriate for our winners, that can be donated by the restaurants and establishments that you frequent. I have also provided a letter to sponsors and donors if they require it. Eleanor Lillo has kindly offered her expertise and organizational skills to assemble the prizes so please contact her to let her know what you have collected. Since we want this to be an enjoyable night for everyone, we are offering rides to those who are unable to drive at night. If you can volunteer to pickup and return our members home or if you are a member in need of a ride to the hall, please call or email me. In the future Casino Night will be held during a warmer weather month when there is little chance of cancellation due to bad weather.*

*Details are being finalized for our 2019-2020 Installation of Officers Ceremony and Dinner to be held on Saturday afternoon, March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We will have a social hour and catered dinner prior to the installation ceremony, which will be presided over by Grand Lodge of Virginia President Bob Amante and First Lady and Recording Secretary Beverly Amante.*

*I am pleased to welcome our newest member Chris Spina, who found us on our website. Chris, we hope to meet you soon at some of our upcoming events.*

*Con affetto!*  
*Coletta*

**ORDER SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA**  
**ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE #2517**  
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**Master of Ceremonies:** Roy Schender  
**Mistress of Ceremonies:** Renee Signorelli

**Education Chair:** Elisabetta Lazarte  
**Webmaster:** Joe La Marca

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

**SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS**

February 9	Casino Night	6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
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February 13	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Jaipur Restaurant Fairfax
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February 14	<i>St. Valentine's Day</i>
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February 20	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library
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March 9	Installation of Officers Ceremony & Dinner	4:00 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
March 13	Lunch Bunch	Noon	TBD
March 17	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 A.M.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
March 20	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library
April 10	Lunch Bunch	Noon	TBD
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
May 3-4	OSDIA/GLVA 36 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention		Sterling, VA

## Buon Compleanno FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Charles Gioglio	February 11
Roy Schender	February 12
Dot Saia	February 17
Diana Guli	February 24
Mary Gioglio	February 25
Gene La Colla	February 28

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

*Buon Anniversario !*



John and Laura Asiello  
February 17<sup>th</sup>

## LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The February Lunch Bunch will be held on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at noon at Jaipur Royal Indian Restaurant located at 9401 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031. An excellent buffet lunch reasonably priced serving some of the best Indian cuisine in NVA. 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 unique eating experience.

The IHL Italian Language Group monthly meet-up is generally held on the fourth Saturday of each month. 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! The date and location of February's meet-up is still being decided.

*I am very pleased to announce that our April event will be an evening of beautiful Italian music. We 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 homemade 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. A flyer with further information about the evening will be emailed soon.*

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. Hotel registration deadline is April 1, 2019 and Convention Registration deadline is April 8, 2019. IHL is allowed 11 delegates not including the President. If you are interested in attending, please let Colette know. Registration forms for delegates and non-delegates are at the end of this Newsletter. The convention will provide a program for the weekend and advertisements are welcome. If you would like to advertise your business or purchase a memorial, please let Colette know so that she can provide you with the forms.

*Just to take our minds off of the extremely cold weather, recently our family has been enjoying viewing a show called **Monty Dons Italian Gardens**. It can be found on Netflix and features tours of the gardens of Florence, Rome, Naples and The Lakes. If you find yourself hibernating on these cold days and evenings, treat yourself to some of the most beautiful scenery in Italy while learning a bit of history and culture as well. Spring is coming!*

### ***The Election of Lodge Officers for 2019-2020***

***The Lodge will elect officers early next year for the 2019-2020 term. The following timetable is set out in the Lodge's By-Laws for the election of officers:***

***November, 2018 – The President appointed three members to serve on the Nominating Committee: Dennis Lillo (Chairman), Marianne Hallahan and Joseph Cardinale***

***December, 2018 – The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall report the nominations from the Committee. (No nominations can be made from the floor at this meeting.)***

***January, 2019 – The January Newsletter will carry the results of the Nominating Committee. Members may nominate from the floor at the January lodge meeting.***

***February, 2019 – Elections are held – no more nominations are permitted except in the case of withdraw.***

***March, 2019 – The newly elected officers are installed.***

***Any lodge members interested in serving on the Italian Heritage Lodge council for this period please notify a member of the Nominating Committee of your desire to serve on the council for the 2019-2020 term .***

***The Officers and Trustees nominated for the 2019-2020 year are as follows:***

***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  
Trustees:  
Rosalie Ciccotelli  
John Dovel  
Marianne Hallahan  
Dennis Lillo  
Nancy Perrelli  
Sentinal – Sal Guli  
Master of Ceremonies – Roy Schender  
Mistress of Ceremonies – Renee Signorelli***



# ***“CASINO NIGHT”***

February 9, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.

The February lodge meeting will feature a “Casino” evening.

To be successful, the following are required:

1. **PLAY AND INVITE OTHERS TO PLAY:** We need full participation by our membership for this Charitable Fund Raising event. The more that play the greater the Fun and the greater the Funds collected for Charity. Admission is \$10.00 in real money from each individual in exchange for \$50.00 in play money to bankroll gaming for the evening. Additional \$5.00 packets of play money will be available during the evening. I know that all our dealers will be very customer friendly and you will have a great time so don't miss it. **You may want to invite friends or potential members to this fun event which will help to increase our financial success.** At the conclusion of the games, winners, in the order of their winnings, will select their winning prizes.

2. **GET GIFT CERTIFICATES:** We hope to have some of our favorite restaurants donate dinner certificates; however, we ask that each lodge member donate a special item that can also be provided as a prize for the winners' choosing.

I have included a two-page information sheet that can be used by you to contact restaurants and other businesses that you patronize to seek a gift certificate for the event. **PLEASE PRINT AS MANY AS YOU CAN USE.**

3. **BRING FINGER FOOD TO SHARE:** Finally, we will start and continue the evening with finger food snacks and beverages so that people can munch as they move around the gaming tables. A waitress will be available for beverage service so no need to leave the gaming tables.

**“DON'T MISS THIS FUN FILLED EVENING – BRING FRIENDS AND RELATIVES TO THIS FUNDRAISER FOR COOLEY'S ANEMIA, ALZHEIMER'S, AUTISM AND LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS”**





## **ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA**

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**Coletta Sciscilo, President**

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**<https://italianheritagelodge.org>**



**January 1, 2019**

**John F. Asiello Jr. Chairman,  
Italian Heritage Lodge - Special Events  
5306 Inverchapel Road  
Springfield, Virginia 22151**

**Subject: Request for Gift Certificate**

**Dear Management,**

**On behalf of the Officers and members of the Italian Heritage Lodge #2517 Order Sons of Italy in America, we would like to request your support of our fundraising event for charity.**

**Our annual "Casino Night" fundraising event this year will be held on February 9, 2019. Last year the event was a huge success and we gave out "Gift Certificates" from restaurants and establishments as prizes which helped this to be a major financially rewarding charitable venture.**

**Our targeted charities for this year are Alzheimer's disease, Cooley's Anemia, Autism and Local Scholarships. It will be rewarding for you to know that 100% of all monies collected will go directly to these charities.**

**Support from our sponsors is the major reason for our organization's financial ability to give generously to these charities and our members have been asked to patronize our sponsors, both verbally and in our published Newsletter "La Bandiera."**

**We hope that you will provide a "Gift Certificate" in support of our Charities. One of our members will be contacting you soon should you desire to participate this year.**

**We thank you in advance for your generosity,**

**Coletta Sciscilo  
President  
(703) 795-2231**

**John F. Asiello Jr.  
Chairman, Special Events  
(703) 321-7840**

# CHARITY EVENT

Sponsored by the  
*Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America*  
*Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517*

Enjoy yourself at our next fun event

***“CASINO NIGHT”***



**Saturday February 9, 2019**

Join us and have a great time playing our variation of CASINO games:  
Stud Poker, Over & Under, Black Jack, Beat the Dealer and more.

**REMEMBER WE USE “PLAY MONEY” AND WINNERS RECEIVE GIFTS  
donated by members and local businesses.**

This is a “Finger food event” fare, so bring your favorite hors d’oeuvres, finger food,  
cheese & crackers, and desserts.

The Lodge will have wine, soda, coffee, tea, hot chocolate,  
and the evening’s Signature Drink.

**Where: Knights of Columbus Hall behind to St Leo’s Church  
3700 Old Lee Highway in Fairfax.**

**Time: 6:30 PM - Games will start as soon as guests are ready  
and then the real Fun begins.**

**Admission: \$10.00 donation for \$50.00 in Play Money (Purchase more as desired)**

**Charities: 100% of the proceeds support our charities such as  
Alzheimer’s, Cooley’s Anemia, Autism and  
Local Scholarships Programs.**

**PLEASE COME AND BRING A FRIEND**





## **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>
Friday Dinner Buffet @ Hyatt House	\$38.00	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch @Hyatt House	\$35.00	_____	_____
Saturday Banquet @ Hyatt House	\$45.00	_____	_____

**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.

Make checks payable to Grand Lodge of Virginia and mail to:  
Beverly Amante, 1040 Clipper Drive, Hampton, Va. 23669

**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):**

Audit/Budget \_\_\_ Bylaws \_\_\_ Charity \_\_\_ Culture & Heritage \_\_\_ Education \_\_\_ Fundraising \_\_\_ Good of the Order \_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_  
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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