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

**FEBBRAIO 2020  
MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA**

*Cari amici,*

Our January lodge meeting was the White Elephant which is always a much anticipated event. It's always fun and a good way to do some house cleaning while picking up bargains at the same time. Our familiar auctioneer team of June La Marca and Roy Schender couldn't be there. Thankfully, Nancy Perrelli and Joe Cardinale stepped in and did a bang up job. Kudos to them both.

February's lodge meeting will be a Saluto al Carnevale which takes place every year in Venice at this time. Carnevale ceremoniously is tied to the beginning of Lent and has been celebrated for a thousand years. We will celebrate all things venetian to include a short presentation on the history and traditions of Carnevale, masks, music, Bellini's (the drink of Venice) and Cicchetti. Cicchetti is a venetian tradition, small plates of appetizers that are served in every bar and restaurant in the city. We ask that everyone bring appetizers for the group to share and enjoy.

Details are being finalized for the 2020-2021 Installation of Officers ceremony on Saturday, March 14th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We will have a social hour and catered dinner prior to the ceremony. An invitation has gone out to Virginia President Larry Brennan.

I am pleased to announce that we have recently added new members to our lodge. Welcome Jim and Marilyn Cocco, Alice Ess, Concetta King, Rosary Larson, Mary Pellegrino and Rosemary Viani. We look forward to getting to know you and hope to see you at the Saluto al Carnevale.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 15th.

*Best regards,  
Dawn*



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Webmaster: Joe La Marca

Master of Ceremonies: Roy Schender  
Mistress of Ceremonies: **Vacant**

Lodge Members Serving on the Grand Council of Virginia:  
Joseph Scafetta, Jr., Former State President  
Coletta Sciscilo, Second Vice-President  
Marianne Hallahan, Trustee  
John Asiello, Arbitration Committee  
Tony Musco, Arbitration Committee

**SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS**

February 12	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Ciao Osteria Centreville, VA
February 15	“Carnivale”	6:30 P.M.	K of C Hall
February 19	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Kings Park Library
March 14	Installation of Officers	4:30 P.M.	K of C Hall
March 15	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 A.M.	Guiseppe Verdi Lodge
April 1	Virginia OSIA Foundation Scholarship Deadline		
April 4	Casino Night	TBD	K of C Hall
May 9	A Night of Italian Music	6:30 P.M.	K of C Hall
June (TBD)	Bocce	11:00 A.M.	The Lillos
July 11	Movie Night & Ice Cream Social	6:30 P.M.	K of C Hall
August 8	(TBD)		
September 12	Meet & Greet Spaghetti Dinner	6:30 P.M.	K of C Hall
October 10	(TBD)		
November 14	(TBD)		
December 12	Festa di Natale	6:00 P.M.	K of c Hall

The Internment Ceremony of Frank Marcinkowski  
Dolores Marcinkowski and her family would like to inform and invite our members to the internment ceremony for Frank where he will be buried with full military honors. The burial will take place on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. at Arlington National Cemetery**. If you plan to attend the burial and reception, please contact Debbie at [deborabeth@gmail.com](mailto:deborabeth@gmail.com). Should you wish to send a card to Dolores and her family, her address is  
The Gardens of Fair Oaks, 4310 Forest Hill Drive, Apt. #214,  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

*Grazie Mille...to Carole Goldstone for her commitment to IHL in bringing in two new members last month. Mary and her daughter Rosemary have already attended a few events and it has been nice getting to know them.*

*A big thank you also to Fred Michaelangelo (as I have forgotten to mention him a few times lately) for all of his hard work and dedication at our recent events.*

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Buon Compleanno



Charles Gioglio	February 11
Roy Schender	February 12
Dot Siai	February 17
Diana Guli	February 24
Mary Gioglio	February 25

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

John & Laura Asiello  
February 17

### ***The Election of Lodge Officers for 2020-2021***

***The Lodge will elect officers early next year for the 2020-2021 term. The following timetable is set out in the Lodge's By-Laws for the election of officers:***

***November, 2019 – The President appointed two members to serve on the Nominating Committee: Dennis Lillo (Chairman) and Eleanor Lillo.***

***December, 2019 – 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, 2020 – The January Newsletter will carry the results of the Nominating Committee. Members may nominate from the floor at the January lodge meeting.***

***February, 2020 – Elections are held – no more nominations are permitted except in the case of withdraw.***

***March, 2020 – 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 2020-2021 term .***

To Our Members:

We are in the process of filling necessary IHL Council positions for the FY 2020-2121 term. Currently, there are two key positions for which we need nominees: Vice President and Mistress of Ceremonies. Also, there are openings for trustees who attend IHL Council meetings and offer advice to Council members during monthly meetings. The following members have been nominated and accepted these positions: Sharon Strauchs to fill the Membership Chair vacancy and Laura Strong will fill the Financial Secretary position.

**VP:** Supports the president in establishing agenda and IHL events. Steps in for president in his or her absence.

**Mistress of Ceremonies:** Schedules monthly board meetings.

**No organization can exist without the active participation and support of its members. VP and Financial Secretary are particularly key positions that we must fill. Please contact Dennis Lillo or Eleanor Lillo if you are willing to serve in either of these positions or in one of the other vacant IHL Council positions. We would like to have a full slate of officer nominations ready for elections at our next IHL lodge meeting on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> .**

Dennis Lillo, Nominations Committee Chair

**ATTENZIONE !**  
**Upcoming events... ..**

The next IHL Lunch Bunch will meet at Noon on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at Ciao Osteria, located at 14115 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Ciao features authentic Italian entrees and Neapolitan wood-fired pizzas made completely from scratch. Chef Antonino is one of the best in the Northern Virginia area so come join with your fellow IHLers for a true Italian eating experience. Call Dennis at 703-354-2454 or email to [delillo1@verizon.net](mailto:delillo1@verizon.net) if you plan to attend so he may include you in the reservation.

**The IHL Italian Language Group** - Contact [joe.lamarca@italianheritagelodge.org](mailto:joe.lamarca@italianheritagelodge.org) for location of our February 22<sup>nd</sup> meet up, for more information about the upcoming schedule and 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!

**Installation of 2020-2021 Officers, Ceremony and Dinner** - This year's installation ceremony and dinner will take place on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Knights Hall. Two flyers are at the end of the newsletter with all details regarding dinner, menu, time, etc. We must have an RSVP if you plan to attend for catering purposes. Please join us as we wish our outgoing members a thank you for their hard work and dedication and good luck to our incoming officers for the upcoming year.

We are coming up on our deadline for the Grand Lodge of Virginia OSDIA Scholarships awarded by the Virginia OSIA Foundation - the time will be here before you know it. April 1, 2020 is the deadline for submitting applications for the three Scholarships available: Virginia OSIA Foundation Scholarship, Joseph Fulton Memorial Scholarship and John .F Asiello Scholarship - each at \$1,000. An applicant must be a United States citizen of Italian heritage, by parent, grandparent or great-grandparent and is not required to be a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Copy and download the application, which is good for all of the above scholarships, at [vaosia.org](http://vaosia.org) and click on SCHOLARSHIPS.

**"Una notte di musica italiana"** We are happy to announce that again this year IHL will present a night of Italian music. This event was so well received last April and our singer, Tess Florek, so enjoyed performing for us that she is excited to make a return engagement. The event will take place at the Knights Hall on Saturday evening, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. If you love the music of our beloved Italy, and want to spend an enjoyable evening of dinner and music, put this date on your calendar and invite your family and guests. A flyer will be forthcoming with more details.

Our Education Chair and Director of the Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia, Elisabetta Lazarte, has announced her Winter semester offering classes at various locations and for levels ranging from Beginner to Intermediate Advanced Italian language, which includes Reading and "Movie Time" this semester. As Elisabetta notes "Italian is more fun when we are together", so please contact her at [elisabettalazarte@gmail.com](mailto:elisabettalazarte@gmail.com) or 703-887-1995 to inquire about the upcoming Winter semester, registration information and future language programs and schedules.



*Lodge By-Laws – Since our lodge's By-laws have not been updated for some time, we were blessed to have Joseph Scafetta, Jr. review them for us recently. The revisions were presented to our council members in January and now these revisions are being sent to all members via this Newsletter. (Please see the By-Laws page at the end of this Newsletter.) The procedure will be for members to be apprised of the By-laws which need to be amended and a vote will be taken at the February lodge meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>. After that vote, Colette will ask that the revised By-laws be put on the Grand Lodge of Virginia agenda for their March Quarterly meeting. The Grand Lodge Orator, Paul Siebeking, will hopefully accept our proposed amendments and they, along with minor grammatical and typographical changes to them, will be incorporated. Please do not hesitate to contact, by email, Colette or Joseph if you have any questions.*

*White Elephant – Our popular, annual White Elephant was again a success with VP Joe Cardinale and Trustee Nancy Perrelli stepping in as auctioneers at the last minute and doing a great job. We are very grateful to them both for combining their talents to make the auction a fun afternoon as well.*



Photos by Ellie Lillo



*Please join us in wishing our new officers "Buona Fortuna"!*

Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517  
2020 – 2021 Installation of Officers  
Dinner & Ceremony



Saturday, March 14, 2020  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
St. Leo's Catholic Church  
3700 Old Lee Highway  
Fairfax, Virginia

4:30 PM – Arrival and Social Begins  
5:30 PM – Dinner Catered by Mamma Lucia's  
6:30 PM – Installation of Officers Ceremony  
7:30 PM – Conclusion of Ceremony

Event Costs: \$20.00 per person,  
\$10.00 Children 6-12; Free to children 5 and under

RSVP by March 7<sup>th</sup> to:  
Eleanor Lillo (703) 354-2454, [delillo1@verizon.net](mailto:delillo1@verizon.net)  
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Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America  
2020 Installation of Officers Ceremony & Dinner*

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020

Location: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
3700 Old Lee Highway  
Fairfax, Virginia  
Knights of Columbus Hall (behind the Church)

Time: 4:30 PM – Arrival and Social Begins  
5:15 PM - Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance,  
Blessing before Dinner  
5:30 PM – Dinner (Buffet Line opens)  
6:30 PM – Installation of Officers Ceremony Begins  
7:30 PM – Conclusion of Ceremony

Menu: Catered by Rosa Di Savino, Owner of Mamma Lucia's  
Eggplant Parmigiana ~ Stuffed Shells  
Chicken Piccata ~ Insalata  
Garlic Bread

Desserts: Tiramisu

Beverages: Vino, Sodas, Coffee & Tea

Cost: \$20.00 per adult; \$10 for children ages 6 – 12;  
free for children ages 5 and under

RSVP: Reservations must be made by March 7<sup>th</sup> by phone or email to:  
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BY-LAWS OF THE ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE  
LODGE NO. 2517  
AS OF MARCH 18, 2001

Dear Members,

Former State President and IHL member, Joseph Scafetta, Jr., was kind enough to meet with me in January to review our lodge By-Laws, which as you can see, have not been made current since 2001. After Joe's thorough review, he and I met so that he could explain some issues and articles which will need to be amended. Joe found a variety of typographical and grammatical errors, which can be corrected by me, but he also found several articles that need approval by our members to be amended.

The By-Laws can be found on our website if you wish to read them.

**Article IV**  
**Financial Affairs**

**Sec. 2. Disbursements.**

c. Contributions in the name of the Lodge shall be made each year to charities chosen by the Executive Council and in the amounts proposed to and approved by the Assembly at Annual Round Chair meeting.

AMEND this By-Law to read:

c. Contributions in the name of the Lodge shall be made each year to charities chosen by the Executive Council and in the amounts proposed to and approved by the Assembly.

**Article V**  
**Officers**

**Sec. 3. Officers Duties and Responsibilities.**

1. Alternate Arbitrator.

Fills the responsibilities of an Arbitrator if an Arbitrator is unavailable to serve for whatever reason.

AMEND this By-Law to read:

1. Alternate Arbitrators.

Fill the responsibilities of Arbitrators if Arbitrators are unavailable to serve for whatever reason.

## **Article VI Elections**

### **Sec. 6. State Delegates.**

a. In February of each odd-numbered year, the Lodge shall nominate delegates and alternates to represent the Lodge at the biennial Grand Convention, held on the fourth weekend of June. Further nominations and election of delegates and alternates shall be held at the next regular meeting.

AMEND this By-law to read: (This Amendment brings us in line with Article 4 of the GLVA/State By-Laws)

a. In February of each odd-numbered year, the Lodge shall nominate delegates and alternates to represent the Lodge at the biennial Grand Convention, held on the fourth weekend of April, May or June. Further nominations and election of delegates and alternates shall be held at the next regular meeting.

## **Article VIII Meetings**

### **Sec. 1. Regular Meetings.**

b. Duration of the monthly business meeting shall be limited to one half hour except when elections and Round Table Meetings are required. To comply with this time requirement, the Presiding Officer is authorized to defer any subjects to the following monthly or Executive Council meeting.

**NOTE: This refers to the monthly lodge meeting/business meeting and not the council meetings.**

AMEND this By-law to read:

b. Duration of the monthly business meeting shall be limited to one half hour except when elections are required. To comply with this time requirement, the Presiding Officer is authorized to defer any subjects to the following monthly or Executive Council meeting.

Sincerely,  
Coletta Sciscilo  
Immediate Past President

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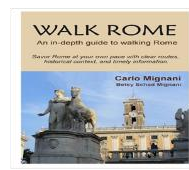


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