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

GENNAIO 2019
MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

FELICE ANNO NUOVO

Cari amici,

Our IHL Officers, Trustees and Council Members wish each and every one of you and your families a blessed New Year 2019! And we hope that this season of Christmas brought joy and peace to everyone.

Mi piace tanto dire....IHL ended our 2018 with great excitement and fun for all of our members - those young and young at heart! After a busy morning of preparation in the K of C Hall to ensure that the evening's festivities would be just right, we hosted a mid-day tea with a light lunch and Christmas cookie exchange with good attendance. All who attended enjoyed the lunch, cookie exchange and the holiday cheer! Our devoted volunteers returned to the hall early enough to put the finishing touches on the festa, prepare for the food arrivals, set up the hot cocoa bar, and ready the homemade holiday Eggnog for serving. One of our early arrivals was our member Nancy Perrelli, her table nicely prepared for the presentation of her beautifully boxed homemade cookies, samples and the 50/50 raffle donation. I think we were all shocked that the cookies were sold out so quickly, and we are so very grateful to Nancy for her hard work in baking and packaging them for sale and gift giving. We are also very grateful to our two sponsors of the cookie fundraiser, June La Marca of REMAX Allegiance and Jeff Sciscilo of 4J Wealth Management who sponsored a portion of Nancy's expenses so that the cookie proceeds will benefit our lodge charities. I don't think I need to emphasize the children's excitement as the time quickly approached for Elf Kerri to read them "T'was The Night Before Christmas" and lead them in singing "Santa Clause Is Coming To Town" at which point Santa entered the room drawing attention with his "Ho, Ho, Ho", loudly ringing his sleigh bells and carrying his very large bag of toys! Santa seemed to know each by name and presented each good boy and girl with a special present, while giddy parents took pictures of their little ones atop Santa's lap. It was also wonderful to welcome and meet some new faces among the 90 who attended – The Cardinale children and grandchildren, the Primeggia children and grandchildren, Perrelli daughter and granddaughter, new member (that day!) Renee Bartoli, her husband Marcel and baby daughter Emma, and many guests! Who knew that so many of our members, families and friends would come out on such a rainy evening?

I am pleased to recognize these members for making the Festa di Natale a wonderful and joyful evening for all:

Joe Cardinale – An amazing Santa (check that off your bucket list, Joe)

Dot, Laura and Kerri – Our very busy elves, shopping, wrapping and just making the children smile!

Ellie and Laurie – Decorating and simply making the hall festive and cheerful looking

Laurie – Invaluable help with the 20+ children and supplying and supervising craft activities

John and our great morning set up crew – thank you fellows for everything

Marianne and Sandy – There must be some sort of award for dedicated and thankless kitchen help!

Dolly – Once again volunteered to wash and fold all of those tablecloths

Dennis – Supplier of very potent homemade Eggnog, a delightful cup (or two?) of cheer!

Dennis and Ellie – Delivering the donated toys to Hospital for Sick Children in D.C.

Nancy, the Cookie Lady, June and Jeff – for your faith in our fundraiser

Dot – A great Financial Secretary who can juggle 90 people incoming and manage a successful 50/50 raffle

Ellie – Photographer extraordinaire (see photos in this Newsletter)

Dawn – Just about everything – Grazie Dawn

John and our great evening cleanup crew – I am indebted to those who stayed a bit longer to clean and return the hall to its normal state

You see how many people it takes to bring you such a great evening, so please forgive me if I missed mentioning anyone. Please know I am extremely grateful if you assisted in any way.



Always asking your prayers for our members: Roy, still slowly recovering from his surgery, but looking terrific; Renee for her health concerns; Fred mending from his eye issues.

Below is the thank you note that we received from Sara Peroni's granddaughter, Robin, in gratitude for our mass and prayers for her grandmother:

“Dear Italian Heritage Lodge,

I want to thank you all for the thoughts, prayers and Mass for my dear Nana. I miss her so very much. Nana so enjoyed her visits with you all and I know she wished she could be with you more often. Thank you for your kindness and for making her feel so welcome. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. I know that would mean a great deal to her. Thank you again for all the kindness you showed Nana and to me as well!

Love, Robin Thompson”

*Con affetto!
Coletta*

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

January 1, 2019

New Year's Day

January 9	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Outback Steakhouse Backlick Road, Springfield
January 12	White Elephant Sale	Noon – 3:00 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
January 13	GLVA Quarterly Meeting And Luncheon	10:30 A.M.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
January 16	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library
February 9	Casino Night	6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
February 13	Lunch Bunch	Noon	TBD

February 14

St. Valentine's Day

February 20	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library
March 9	Installation of Officers Ceremony & Dinner	4:00 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
March 13	Lunch Bunch	Noon	TBD
March 20	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library
May 3-4	OSDIA/GLVA 36 th Biennial Convention		Sterling, VA

Buon Compleanno
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Jessica Rosso-Revand	January 2
Art Moscatello	January 4
Dawn Falsinotti	January 5
Laura Strong	January 7
Tony Musco	January 12
Frances Mazarella	January 14
Michael DeMarco	January 17
Al Frappollo	January 18
Laurie Gwaltney	January 22
Fred Michaelangelo	January 22
Vincent Trobbiani	January 27
Maria Ingham	January 28

LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The January Lunch Bunch will be held on Wednesday, January 9th at noon at Outback Steakhouse located at 6651 Backlick Road, Springfield, in the Backlick Shopping Center. Call Dennis at 703-354-2454 or email him at delillo1@verizon.net if you plan to attend so he can include you in the reservation.

FIRST EVER CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE – IHL held a Christmas Cookie Exchange and light tea lunch on December 15th from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the St. Leo Knights of Columbus Hall. Dawn prepared delicious tea sandwiches accompanied by butternut squash soup and a special Christmas tea! Our members enjoyed some holiday fellowship while sampling and exchanging a nice assortment of Christmas cookies. Dawn, thank you for the great idea that provides us with another opportunity to celebrate the holidays with our members.

The IHL Italian Language Group monthly meet-up is generally held on the fourth Saturday of each month but due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and Christmas season, our language group met on December 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dolly Daugherty for what was “an evening of fun and games for mastering Italian in a group”. And fun it was! Dolly’s home was a festive, winter wonderland and we were all warmly welcomed. Grazie, Dolly for an unforgettable evening! 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 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! (Peter, Kathleen and Dolly barely made the picture)



Our member Elisabetta Lazarte is the Program Director and Instructor of the Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia. She is announcing that, through the assistance of John Asiello and the Knights of Columbus of St. Leo Church, her language program will be holding NEW BEGINNER Winter classes at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Please call Elisabetta at 703-887-1995 or email her at bsmile24@aol.com for information on the Winter session classes (January 23, 2019 to April 10, 2019, 3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.), more information on registering, and other classes offered in the program. We are trying to form new Beginner classes in the Fairfax area, where the learning environment is fun, the classes are small and personal, and all aspects of the Italian culture are integrated into the language classes.

On Saturday, January 12, 2019, we will hold the White Elephant event in the **afternoon** – Noon to 3:00 p.m. as a pot luck lunch – soups, chili, sandwiches, desserts, etc. Beverages will be provided. Our distinguished auctioneers, June and Roy, have reserved their afternoon for this event so start getting ready now with all of your items for sale, re-gifted, old, new, used, unwanted, whatever can be sold by our auctioneers for the benefit of the lodge and/or charities. This is always a fun event that draws in many items generously donated by our members and guests.

Casino Night will be on Saturday, 9th so please start collecting gift certificates and gift cards, or other items for prizes for our casino winners.

Recording Secretary, Eleanor Lillo, reports that our charitable donations sent to the Virginia OSIA Foundation on December 18th, 2018 for the Walk-A-Thon fundraiser were as follows: \$345.00 for Alzheimer's, \$265.00 for Autism and \$110.00 for Cooley's Anemia, totaling \$720.00. In addition, the value of the toys donated at the Christmas party for the Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, D.C. was \$760.00, and the value of the food donated to the House of Mercy this year was \$150.00. Thank you to Dennis and Ellie for delivering the toys to the children on December 17th in plenty of time for Christmas morning gift opening. Your efforts to deliver the toys to NE Washington are much appreciated. Grazie a tutti! Your generosity was amazing this year.

The OSDIA-GLVA 36th Biennial Convention will be held this year 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. The registration form and hotel information will be sent to lodge members under separate email.

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 .

I am awaiting the results from our Nominating Committee and will forward them to all in an updated email.

*Festa di Natale
December 15, 2018*



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