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

LUGLIO 2020 MESSAGGIO DEL VICE PRESIDENTE

Cari amici,

I hope everybody is weathering the COVID-19 storm and keeping healthy. This virus has wreaked havoc world-wide and has lingered on more than any of us expected. I'm sure that most of you, like me, miss the monthly gatherings where we had the opportunity to share good food, drink and stories. Unfortunately the gatherings don't look like they will be resuming soon since we must comply with the rules and regulations regarding gatherings of groups of people. As we go through the various stages of opening the lodge, officers are keeping in touch with the Grand Lodge of VA and the Knights of Columbus regarding their plans to resume public gatherings. In the interim, please follow the guidelines and recommendations of our government officials for your sake and the sake of others.

As many of us have heard from the email from Colette, our president Dawn is in the hospital battling a non-COVID related infection. Please keep her in your daily prayers.

The lodge Facebook page is OSDIA Fairfax, it is a great place to share pictures and stories. It is closed so that only members can read the posts. If you are interested, go to the page and "join"; I will provide the approval and you can begin posting. Another way to follow the lodge is on Instagram. Our Instagram feed is [sonsofitaly_ihl2517](#). We have 120 people following this account. Both of these social media outlets are good ways to stay involved during the lockdown.

I would like to remind everyone to continue to check their email. Once things open up I expect we will proceed with caution, but things may be scheduled in between newsletters and the membership may be alerted via email.

In closing, I want to wish everybody a safe and healthy summer. I hope you can get out a bit and recoup some of the spring that we lost to the lockdown. Continue to practice vigilance and protect yourself and your family. A lot of people believe this is a hoax, but I know 2 people that have contracted the virus and died. Have a great Independence Day and I hope to see everybody soon.

Filling in for Dawn from IHL headquarters,
Joe

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

THESE EVENTS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY:

April 4	Casino Night	6:30 P.M.	K of C Hall
May 9	A Night of Italian Music	6:30 P.M.	K of C Hall
June (TBD)	Bocce & Picnic	11:00 A.M.	The Lillo's home

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July 4

Independence Day



August 8 **Installation of Officers & Dinner** **Tentatively Scheduled**

September 19 **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**

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Buon Anniversario !



Joseph & Teresa Scafetta	July 4
Jeffrey & Teresa Sciscilo	July 6
Paul & Rosalie Alligood	July 12
Augie & Joyce Taormina	July 22
Mac & Kerri Farrell	July 28

Buon Compleanno
e Tanti Auguri!

JULY BIRTHDAYS



Sharon Cardinale	July 1
Elisabetta Lazarte	July 12
Ann Lipton	July 25
Carol Ann Linder	July 27

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

Dear Members and friends,

We have received word from the Grand Lodge of Virginia as well as directives from National that for the time being, all future events will be indefinitely postponed until it is safe to socialize. These will include the following events:

*Monthly Executive Council Meetings
Monthly Lunch Bunch
Monthly IHL Italian Language Group
Installation of Officers Dinner and Ceremony
Casino Night
A Night of Italian Music
Bocce Event*

IHL DUES: *IHL will be suspending the payment of current dues for July until further notice. We realize that because of work/salary situations, many members will be unable to submit their annual dues at this time. Since this is a fluid situation and since we have been unable to hold events, please bear with us as we assess an appropriate solution. If you have any questions, please contact either Dot Saia or Dawn Falsinotti.*

Installation of Officers and Dinner: *We are hoping to hold the installation of officers and dinner sometime in August at the Knights Hall. The date and time, along with the dinner details, will be forthcoming once finalized.*

Virginia OSIA Foundation Scholarships: *Scholarships were worthily awarded to two applicants, Luke McNab of Ashburn, who will be attending the University of Virginia School of Engineering, and Grace Strong who will be attending the University of Mary Washington. Grace, who is the granddaughter of John and Laura Asiello, received the John Asiello Scholarship. Congratulations to our 2020 scholarship winners – they are most deserving.*



GRADUATION 2020



Cousins Grace Strong and Ryan Lipton, grandchildren of Laura and John Asiello and daughter and son of Lodge members Laura and David Strong and Ann and Steve Lipton, have just completed 17 Years of being school companions together, with their graduation this June from West Springfield High School. They began school in 2003 at Parkwood Pre-school, continued through Cardinal Forest Elementary, Washington Irving Middle School and onto West Springfield High School. Both Grace and Ryan have excelled in their studies, both were inducted into the National Honor Society and Grace into the National English Honor Society. Extracurricular high school activities for Ryan included playing football and Varsity Baseball and for Grace included Creative Writing Club, DECA Marketing Club and the Girl Scouts.

Now it is time for them to go their separate ways by their individual choices for college. Ryan has chosen James Madison University, following in the footsteps of his parents and his older sister, Haley. Grace, although accepted by JMU, has selected the University of Mary Washington to pursue an English and Elementary Education Degree.

Nanny and Poppy are very thankful to have been able to celebrate their successes with them over the years and plan to keep in close touch. We are further honored that Grace was selected to receive the *John Asiello Scholarship Award* from the Grand Lodge of Virginia OSDIA Foundation.

Congratulations to them both!



Very, Very Proud Nonny, Nancy Perrelli sends these pictures of her grandchildren, Matthew and Melissa Trivett.

Matthew graduated this year from the University of Virginia and has accepted a job offer from Fidelity Investments.

Melissa graduated this year from Fairfax High School and will be attending the University of Pennsylvania.

Congratulations Matthew and Melissa and best wishes in all of your future achievements!

The Washington Nationals have just signed two Italian-American players who were picked up in the 2020 draft held in June. Cade Cavalli, a hard-throwing right-handed pitcher and a junior at the University of Oklahoma, was drafted 22nd in the first of five rounds of draft picks by the 30 major league teams. Sammy Infante, a hard-hitting shortstop who just graduated from a high school in Miami, Florida, was the 71st overall pick. The Nats chose him during the third round of the draft. Both have agreed to terms and signed contracts. They will begin in the minor leagues starting in the Spring of 2021 and are expected to be promoted to the major league Nats after obtaining a few seasons of experience in the minors. Cavalli is viewed as a potential successor to Max Scherzer and Infante is seen as a possible replacement for Trey Turner. At the present time, there are no Italian-American players on the Nats roster.

Sonny Scafetta, IHL Ace Sports Reporter/Analyst



*Ken and Carol Ann Linder,
just out for their daily walk,.....*



"Sciscilo Strong" ~ Mother's Day 2020



*"Pizza Margherita with fresh basil from our garden.
Planted flowers and herbs this spring, and just harvested my basil to make
fresh pesto (and freeze some for winter)." - Carol Ann Linder*



*Nancy Perrelli exclaims excitedly that she finally
was able to do her own grocery shopping after
depending on others to shop for her. Here is her
recent Farmer's Market haul. Nancy said, "Oh
joy! Who knew that, besides not being able to
hug my family and grandchildren, the thing I'd
miss most during this pandemic would be grocery
shopping??!!!"*

"Congratulazioni" to our member Carol Ann Linder who has been using some of this quarantine time to write family stories. One such story about her great-grandfather was submitted to and accepted by the OSDIA magazine, *ItalianAmerica*. They plan to publish her story in their January 2021 issue. Carol Ann confides that "I am so excited!"

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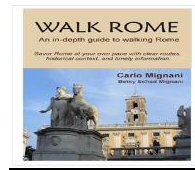


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