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

LUGLIO 2021 MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA

Cari amici,

Happy 4th of July, Happy Birthday America! And what an incredible country we have to celebrate.

June's events were successful, especially Game Night and the Ravioli Dinner. A delicious meal was served for only \$5.

July is starting with our July 4th Brunch. There will be lots of Brunch food items as well as Bloody Mary's and Strawberry Mimosas. On July 17 we'll host a Movie Night with a \$1 Hot Dog Bar with all the fixings, Popcorn and a candy concession stand. The movie featured is "Big Night" starring Stanley Tucci. It's a story about two brothers from Italy who open a restaurant in New Jersey, a funny and poignant tale. It will be a fun night. Please come out and join us.

Read further down in the newsletter for information on Lunch Bunch and Happy Hour.

This past weekend, the Virginia State Convention was held at Giuseppe Verdi Lodge in Mechanicsville, VA. Colette Sciscilo, Marianne Hallahan, and John and Laura Asiello attended in person representing IHL. Myself, Jim Cocco and Sharon Strauchs attended by Zoom. Due to COVID, the convention was abbreviated and limited in scope and activities. It appeared to be well supported with the most important business accomplished. More information will be provided further in the Newsletter. Many thanks to Colette, Marianne, John and Laura for making the trip.

By now all members have been invoiced for the remainder of 2021. We appreciate your membership and look forward to seeing you in person. Please join us at one of the lodge events.

*All the best,
Dawn*



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.

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FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

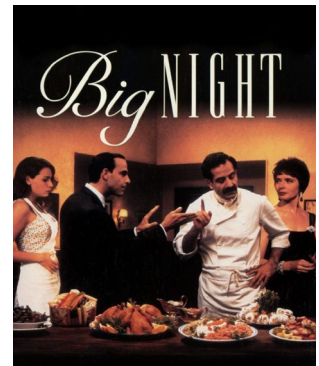
HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY – JULY 4TH

July 4	Fourth Of July Brunch*	9:30 AM – Noon	K of C Hall
July 14	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	Zoom
July 15	Lunch Bunch*	Noon	Coyote Grill 10266 Main Street Fairfax
July 17	Italian Movie Night & \$1 Hot Dogs*	6:00 PM	K of C Hall
July 29	Happy Hour	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	P.J. Skidoos 9908 Fairfax Boulevard Fairfax
September 12	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 AM	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge

We are happy to return to our very popular monthly “Lunch Bunch” – Thursday, July 15th at noon at Coyote Grille, 10266 Main Street, Fairfax. We will be dining al fresco and hope that all who feel comfortable dining outdoors and connecting in person with our members once again will attend. Please RSVP to President Dawn (falsinotti@yahoo.com) to make your reservation.

Moving from zoom to in-person outdoor dining for “Happy Hour” has been successful. For all who feel comfortable meeting, we will meet on Thursday, July 29th, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. for al fresco drinks and dining at P.J. Skidoos, 9908 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax. No RSVP is needed.

Italian Movie Night and \$1 Dollar Hot Dogs – On Saturday evening, July 17th, IHL will host “Italian Movie Night” featuring “The Big Night”, the 1996 Romance/Drama starring Stanley Tucci. We will be serving \$1 hot dogs with all the condiments, free popcorn, and a candy concession stand.



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

Buon Compleanno
e Tanti Auguri!



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Armando Lazarte	July 12
Ann Lipton	July 25
Carol Ann Linder	July 27

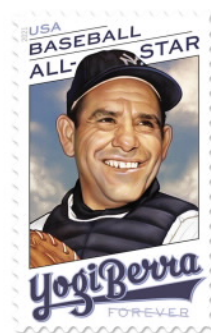
JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph & Teresa Scafetta	July 4 (35 th Anniversary)
Jeffrey & Teresa Sciscilo	July 6
Paul & Rosalie Alligood	July 12
John & Kerri Farrell	July 28

Yogi Berra stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service

By Joseph Scafetta, Jr.

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) issued a colorful sheet of 20 same-image “forever” (55-cent) stamps honoring Lawrence Peter (Yogi) Berra (1925-2015), on June 24, 2021. A smiling Yogi is shown wearing a New York Yankees baseball cap and a catcher’s chest protector. A partial view of a catcher’s mitt is also seen. The first day of issue ceremony took place in the Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center on the grounds of Montclair State University in Little Falls, New Jersey. The stamp image of Yogi is based upon a portrait painted by artist, Charles Chaisson, from a photo taken by the Associated Press. The sheets will be available for purchase for \$11 each at all local post offices until June 23, 2022.



Following service in World War II, in which he was a gunner on a rocket-launching ship during the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France, Yogi made his major league debut in 1946. In his 18 years with the Yankees, he won three Most Valuable Player (MVP) Awards and a record ten World Series rings. He holds numerous World Series batting records and was an All-Star for the American League 15 consecutive years. When his uniform number 8 was retired by the Yankees, he was also honored with a plaque in Monument Park next to Yankee Stadium. He led both the Yankees and the New York Mets to the World Series as a manager. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, in 1972.

News about our lodge members.....

On July 4th, 2021, Joe and Teresa Scafetta will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. Joe tells me that their milestone anniversary celebration will take them to Long Beach Island, New Jersey. “We are going for 5 days to Long Beach Island off the coast of New Jersey where we will visit with one of my nieces and my three grand nieces. LBI is a barrier island which is what I call an ‘end of the world’ place. When you get there, you can go no further. Most people in New Jersey know about it, but not too many people elsewhere know about it. It is 18 miles long and about one mile wide. It is most famous for the Barnegat Light House at the northern tip of the island. It was built in 1858. I have climbed to the top, but Teri and Joey have not.” Thanks Joe, we look forward to hearing how Teri and Joey like the climb, the view and the beautiful island. Happy Anniversary to you both and wishing you many more happy years together.

Congratulations to the 2021 VA OSIA Scholarship winners

The Virginia OSIA Foundation is a philanthropic arm of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and as such awards scholarships each year. Each recipient receives \$1,000. Receiving an award this year from The Joseph Fulton Memorial Scholarship Fund was SYDNEY COURSEY, granddaughter of Linwood and Bea Sykes. Sydney will be attending James Madison University in the Fall. ALEXANDRIA STRONG, daughter of David and Laura Strong and granddaughter of John and Laura Asiello, (IHL) was this year's recipient of The John Asiello Scholarship Fund. Lexi will also attend James Madison University. Both young ladies were selected on their very strong applications, essays, and high school scores and were presented with scholarship certificates at this year's Grand Lodge of Virginia 37th Biennial Convention on June 26th. Congratulazione e buona fortuna!



Lexi Strong receiving The John Asiello Scholarship Award with Larry Brennan, President of GLVA, and Kathy Drummond, Chair, Virginia OSIA Foundation.



Lexi Strong, daughter of Laura and David Strong, stands with her proud grandparents, John and Laura Asiello, after receiving the 2021 John Asiello Scholarship.

I would like to thank the Italian Heritage Lodge for their support from being awarded one of the VA OSIA Foundation Scholarships in 2017. I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Global Studies from the College of William & Mary this year and will continue my studies at the college for another year to complete my Master's Degree in ESL/ Bilingual Education.
-Emily Borkowski



Congratulations also go to Marianne Hallahan and James Cocco for their re-nomination and installation to their new terms as Trustees serving on the Grand Lodge of Virginia Council, and to John Asiello for his new term on the Grand Lodge of Virginia Arbitration Committee. Good luck to you all!

We would like to wish Marianne Hallahan good luck and congratulations on her recent retirement from her long and noble nursing career. Now that she may have a bit more free time on her hands, Marianne has agreed to take on a new task – that of “Good Cheer Ambassador” for IHL. In this capacity she will provide “cheer” “good wishes” and “comfort” for those IHL members and their families in their times of need.

Our monthly highlight of a member or members was met with enthusiasm.
We hope that you continue to enjoy “meeting” our lodge members.

Meet Tommaso Ammazalorso

I was born in Westchester County, NY, August 13th 1972.

My Dad’s family (The Ammazalorso Family) immigrated here from Abruzzo, Italy, Teramo Province, a town called Castiglione messr Raimondo. My Grandparents and Great Grandparents came over together from Abruzzo after WWI but before WWII. My Mom’s family (The Donzella Family) emigrated here from Sicily, Italy. They are from a town called Ragusa, Sicily which is on the Southern Coast of Sicily. I have been told by many people in Italy that “Abruzzo/Sicilia” is a good combination.



I was raised in the New York City Metropolitan area (Westchester County) and began taking Italian classes in High School as I wanted to know what my Grandparents were arguing about. Once I learned Italian and realized what they were arguing about it was a huge disappointment - it was boring!

I went to High School in NY, went to college in North Jersey, and then moved to the DC Metro area for graduate school at GMU. In the early 2000’s I served as President of the FIERI DC Chapter - the Young Italian-American Association of Washington, DC. I am not only a member of OSDIA but also a NIAF Member as well. I love OSDIA and NIAF equally.

Being a High School Teacher is what defines me as a human being and I plan on teaching until June of 2052 when I will be 79 years old.

I am a very proud member of Alpha Phi Delta Italian-American Heritage Fraternity as well as my additional Fraternal organizations listed below in my e-signature. In 2016 I ran as a Candidate for Mayor for Fairfax City - one of the greatest small cities in the USA!

*Thomas (Tommaso) Ammazalorso
Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity
Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22*

*Potomac Lodge #5
Valley of Alexandria Scottish Rite*

Kena Shrine

Editor’s Note: *In 2020, the University of Chicago bestowed upon Tom the “University of Chicago Outstanding Educators” Award. He was nominated by one of his students. In the student’s own words, he shared his gratitude with the University:*

“Dear Mr. Ammazalorso, You are an incredibly dedicated teacher who accommodates all of your students. You are hardworking and focused when it comes to [his] job and you promote the proper share of perspectives in class discussions. You serve as a mentor for many students, especially ones that may find themselves in trouble or facing hardships. Throughout the last two years in which I’ve know you, you have been nothing short of supportive and encouraging towards my education and my abilities to succeed in life. You are the epitome of the word ‘outstanding.’”

JOIN YOUR IHL BROTHERS AND SISTERS
IN CELEBRATING
OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE
WITH A JULY 4th BRUNCH

Sunday, July 4 at 9:30 a.m.
St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Hall

Brunch Menu

Egg Casserole & Quiche,
Waffles, Bacon,
Bagels, Blueberry Strudel, Coffee Cake,
Yogurt Parfait
Coffee, Tea, Wine,
Bloody Mary, Strawberry Mimosa (\$3.00/each)



\$7.00 per adult/\$3.00 per child 12 and under

Please RSVP to Dawn at falsinotti@yahoo.com
By July 2nd



Perfect Zucchini Fritters

**La Cucina
Italiana**

In addition to spaghetti alla nerano and stuffing its blossoms, zucchini fritters are one of the myriad ways to prepare the spring/summer squash. Here's a simple recipe for these delights that combines flowers with fruit, resulting in pancakes of sorts that are pan-fried. The light flavorful fritters are always a hit, looking ever so alluring as they beckon from their place on the table – just one of the dozens of preparations for this versatile spring and summer veggie.

Ingredients to serve for 4

1 lb./500 g. zucchini
9 oz./250 g. Greek yogurt
7 oz./200 g. feta, drained and crumbled
½ cup/120 g. all-purpose flour
5 tsp./20 g. milk
3 large eggs
12 zucchini flowers
fennel
parsley
chives
extra-virgin olive oil
salt
pepper

Recipe: Caterina Perazzi
Skill Level: Intermediate
Cooking Time: 1 hour

Cut the zucchini into strips, lay them flat on a tray or plate, and then add salt. Let the zucchini strips sit for 15 minutes, then rinse them. Next, cook the strips quickly in a pan with a little oil for 4-5 minutes. Set aside and let cool.

Clean the courgette flowers, taking care to remove the stem and the pistil – they'll spoil the flavor of the zucchini if they remain in place during cooking. Cut half of them lengthwise into strips, and set the others aside, covering them with moistened paper towels.

Mix the eggs, flour, and milk into a uniform batter, then add the crumbled feta cheese, the cooled zucchini, and the zucchini flower strips. Stuff the whole flowers with this mixture, taking care to twist the edge closed so that the filling doesn't spill out when frying. Twist gently, though – the flowers are delicate and tear easily.

Cook the pancakes in abundant boiling oil (338°F/170°C) until golden brown on both sides.

Coarsely chop one bunch each of fennel, parsley, and chives. In a bowl, combine the yogurt with the oil, salt, pepper, and the chopped herbs, and mix until it forms a uniform sauce. Serve the hot pancakes immediately alongside the yogurt sauce.

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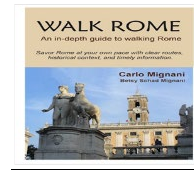
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