



# La Bandiera

*The Banner*



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

MARZO 2019  
MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

*Cari amici,*

*Even though I knew that we were all looking forward to last month's **Casino Night**, I was truly not prepared for the response from so many of our members and our guests attending that evening. I was most impressed by one member's comment that "it was such a great evening that I didn't want it to end." Casino Night is the kind of event that does not need a tremendous amount of preparation yet the rewards are tenfold. First and foremost is the hundreds of dollars collected for our charities and the opportunity it affords us to have fun and enjoy each other's company. The gift cards, gift certificates, and other prizes donated by the restaurants and establishments that we frequent were well received by the winners. Molto grazie to Eleanor Lillo who did a wonderful job organizing all of the donated gifts and gift certificates. A thank you also to our dealers, our morning crew who set up and those that tore down at the end of the evening. And thank you to all who attended, played and truly enjoyed the evening. At the end of this Newsletter there is a thank you letter which I am hopeful that all will use for the businesses and establishments that sponsored this event. Please print it out and be sure that the people that gave IHL prizes know that their generosity is greatly appreciated!*



*Congratulations to the Officers and Trustees to be installed for the 2019-2020 year:*

*President – Dawn Falsinotti  
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Immediate Past President – Colette Sciscilo  
Orator – Fred Michaelangelo  
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Dennis Lillo  
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Sentinal – Sal Guli  
Master of Ceremonies – Roy Schender  
Mistress of Ceremonies – Renee Signorelli*

*The deadline for responding for the installation catered dinner and ceremony was Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. **I AM EXTENDING THE DATE TO RESPOND TO TUESDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>.** As has been our tradition, George Washington Lodge and Italian Heritage Lodge will combine the installation ceremony and dinner, to be held on Saturday afternoon, March 9<sup>th</sup> at the St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Hall beginning with a social hour at 4:30 p.m. Dinner, catered by Mamma Lucia's, will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the installation ceremony to follow. We welcome our guests Grand Lodge of Virginia President Bob Amante and First Lady and Recording Secretary Beverly Amante, who will preside over the ceremony. This is another great opportunity for fellowship with our OSDIA brothers and sisters and to meet Bob and Bev. There are two flyers at the end of the Newsletter with details.*

*I am pleased to welcome our two newest members Dennis and June Ferrara. Dennis joined the IHL Language Group last week so a few of us have already met him, but we hope to meet June also at some of our upcoming events. Benvenuti!*

*Lastly, I want to express my deepest gratitude to every one of you who have been so kind to me over the three years that I have been your President. It has been my greatest pleasure. I have made some amazing friends that have made this journey through life better than I could have imagined. You have all been supportive of my ideas and always worked hard to make them come to life – as crazy as they may have seemed at the time – but you had faith in me to make our lodge a terrific experience for all members, family and friends. I know that I am leaving you in good hands to continue the work that needs to be done, to inspire a greater membership, to enjoy the fellowship our events afford us, and to remain faithful friends always.*

*Con affetto!*

*Coletta*

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

**SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS**

March 9	Installation of Officers Ceremony & Dinner	4:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
March 17	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 A.M.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
March 20	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
March 27	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Chuy's 11219 Lee Highway, Fairfax
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 Annandale

May 3-4	OSDIA/GLVA 36 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention		Sterling, VA
May 11	TBD	6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
June 8	Bocce at the Lillo's	11:00 A.M.	5104 Colebrook Place Alexandria
July 4	Independence Day Parade	TBD	City of Fairfax
August 17-19	K of C Hall Clean up	TBD	K of C Hall

## Buon Compleanno MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Judy McCloskey	March 4
Carol Goldstone	March 5
Rosalie Alligood	March 13
Sharon Strauchs	March 14
Dolores Marcinkowski	March 18
Carol La Colla	March 20

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

*Buon Anniversario !*



Stephen and Elaine Balducci  
March 1

## LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The March Lunch Bunch will be held on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at noon at Chuy's, located at 11219 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA. Chuy's is a favorite of IHL members and their guests. 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 fun dining experience.

The IHL Italian Language Group February get-together was hosted by June and Joe La Marca who did a wonderful job of welcoming all of us, including two guests who lent their language abilities to the group. The several hours we all spend together is not too intense, but always a fun language learning experience, with great food and many laughs. The next two monthly language meet-ups are scheduled for Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. 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!

*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 for your ad to be placed in our program.

A July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade committee is now forming. Please email in-coming President Dawn if you would like to assist in the preparations, decorating and have some creative ideas for the presentation of IHL at the Fairfax City Parade this year. Our presence is important in the community and this is a wonderful opportunity for us to be seen as the proud Italian – Americans that we are!

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

George Washington Lodge #2038  
and  
Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517  
Joint Installation of Officers  
Dinner & Ceremony



Saturday, March 9, 2019  
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 – Joint Installation of Officers Ceremony  
Robert Amante, President, Grand Lodge of Virginia, Presiding  
7:30 PM – Conclusion of Ceremony

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

RSVP: George Washington Lodge Members: Alice Ess (703) 360-8853  
Italian Heritage Lodge Members: Eleanor Lillo (703) 354-2454;  
delillo1@verizon.net, 5104 Colebrook Place, Alexandria, VA 22312

RSVP by March 2<sup>nd</sup>



*2019 Joint Installation of Officers Ceremony & Dinner  
George Washington Lodge & Italian Heritage Lodge*

- Date:** Saturday, March 9, 2019
- 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 open)  
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 Regina ~ 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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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**March 1, 2019**

**Ciao!**

**On behalf of the Officers and members of the Italian Heritage Lodge #2517 Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, we want to thank you for your support of our recent fundraising event for charity.**

**Our annual “Casino Night” fundraising event, held on February 9, 2019, was a huge success and your generous Gift Certificate was popular among our members and guests which helped this to be a major financially rewarding charitable venture.**

**Our targeted charities for this year were 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.”**

**Again, we thank you sincerely for your generosity,**

**Coletta Sciscilo  
President  
Italian Heritage Lodge**

**John F. Asiello Jr.  
Chairman, Special Events  
Italian Heritage Lodge**





## **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:  
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**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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