

La Bandiera



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



**MARZO 2024
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Dear friends,

March is the beginning of meteorological spring and now that we've had some recent snow, I'm ready to move on. February was a busy month. Our Venetian Carnevale was a hit, and a fun time was had by all. See pictures in the newsletter. Our next event will be the Installation of new officers on the 24th. Grand Lodge of Virginia President Aldo Funai will be our special guest. Please come out and join us for lunch and welcome Aldo and our new officers. On March 11th, those interested will meet to watch the movie "Cabrini". More information is provided further in the newsletter. St. Joseph's Day is March 19th. For those interested, St. Leo's has a beautiful celebration that all are welcome to attend. I will be attending and if you'd like to join me, please contact me for more information. With Holy Week sacred celebrations and reflection March 24 - 30, I wish everyone a bella Buona Pasqua.

*Con pace,
Dawn*

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IL CALENDARIO

March 10	Daylight Saving Time		
March 11	“Cabrini”* (followed by dinner At Uncle Julio’s)	3:25 p.m.	Cinemark Fairfax Corner 14 Theater, 11900 Palace Way, Fairfax
March 13	Executive Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	The Esposito’s
March 17	<i>St. Patrick’s Day</i>		
March 17	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 a.m.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
March 19	<i>Feast of Saint Joseph</i>		
March 20	Lunch Bunch*	Noon	Luciano Italian Restaurant 2946g Chain Bridge Road Oakton
March 23	Cena e conversazione**	6:00 p.m.	TBD
March 24	Installation of Officers*** Ceremony & Luncheon (RSVP by March 20 th)	Noon	K of C Hall
March 31	<i>Easter Sunday</i>		
April 15	Deadline for VA OSIA Foundation Scholarship Applications		
April 20	Dinner and Guest Speaker* Michael C. Markowitz “Coinage of the Papal States And Vatican City”	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall
May 18	Italian Bingo*	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall
June (TBD)	Bocce at the Lillo’s***	Noon	Home of Dennis & Ellie Lillo

Please see the flyer in this newsletter for information about the 2024-2025 Installation of Offices Ceremony and Luncheon planned for Sunday, March 24th at noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

- * RSVP to Dawn Falsinotti (falsinotti@yahoo.com)
- ** RSVP to Dennis Ferrara (dennisferrara@hey.com)
- *** RSVP to Eleanor Lillo (delillo1@verizon.net)

CABRINI

Patroness of Immigrants

-Angel Studios

The film highlights the remarkable story of Frances Cabrini, an Italian American humanitarian and patroness of immigrants.

“Cabrini”, a biopic of the Patron Saint of Immigrants, tells a story of resilience in the face of resistance. After an Italian nun moves to Five Points in New York City, Francesca Cabrini fights against the Archbishop, mayor, and overt xenophobia to build an orphanage for impoverished Italian-Americans. With entrepreneurship, grit, and boldness, Cabrini creates a home full of compassion and a legacy that’s everlasting. The film stars Cristiana Dell’Anna (The Hand of God, The King of Laughter) who plays the lead role of Francesca Cabrini. David Morse (The Green Mile, The Hurt Locker) plays Archbishop Corrigan and John Lithgow (The Crown, Dexter) plays Mayor Gould.

IHL will attend a showing of “Cabrini” on Monday, March 11 at the Cinemark Fairfax Corner 14 Theatre, 11900 Palace Way, Fairfax. (703) 378-6550

Movie Start Time: 3:25 p.m. / purchase your tickets through the theatre website

For those interested, we plan to have dinner immediately after the movie at Uncle Julio’s, 4251 Fairfax Corner Avenue, Fairfax.

Contact Dawn Falsinotti so we know who will be attending the movie and dinner.

“Words do not adequately express how happy I am to see a beautifully done movie, reflecting her life and the many she has touched.”



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Carol Goldstone	March 5
Gilbar Misantoni	March 7
Sharon Strauchs	March 14
Kevin Donaleski	March 25

IHL Annual Dues

Last January, IHL instituted the collection of lodge dues on a calendar year basis.

In December, each member received a “Dues Notice” by email from Eleanor Lillo, IHL Financial Secretary. Membership renewal costs will remain the same and are \$35.00 for a single person and \$65.00 for a married couple. The deadline for renewing your membership was December 31, 2023. A final reminder for renewing your membership will go out this month.

We appreciate those members who have already submitted their yearly dues. Please read Ellie’s instructions in her email for payment amount and remittance.

IHL La Bandiera Advertisement Page

The 2024 New Year also brings the renewal of our La Bandiera Ad page (the last page of each month’s newsletter). There are currently two ad spaces available. The yearly ad price is \$25/members and \$35/non-members and your ad will run twelve times per year (once a month). If you would like to renew or place a new ad in La Bandiera, please contact Joe La Marca (joe.lamarca@italianheritagelodge.org) who will assist you with preparing your ad. Please send your ad fee to Ellie Lillo (contact her at delillo1@verizon.net).

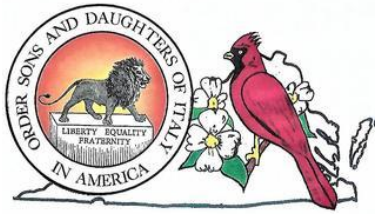
Italian Heritage Lodge Language Group “Cena e Conversazione”

“Eight members of the lodge Language Group met Feb 24 at the home of Carol Ann and Ken Linder. All brought food or wine. Attendees read stories in Italian; one even consisted of Italian jokes. Discussions (mostly in English) ranged from “Ballet” to “Neapolitan Dialect” to “Favorite Local Italian Restaurants” and “Whether clams are enjoyed better chopped into small pieces or left whole in shells in the classic Italian dish linguini alle vongole.” As usual, attendees were too engrossed in dialogue to remember to take photographs. If you would learn more about the Language Group, email dennisferrara@hey.com.” - Joe La Marca

The IHL Language Group customarily meets monthly at a member’s home for “cena e conversazione”, so at times participation might be limited, but that format might change with additional interest. Any lodge members who wish to learn and practice Italian with others in the lodge should contact Dennis Ferrara at dennisferrara@hey.com.

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The goal of the IHL Language Group is to promote our Italian heritage through language by creating opportunities to practice and improve our ability to speak Italian. To that end, we strive to create a friendly and pleasant environment for our meetings. Specifically, we meet monthly in a social setting to speak as much Italian as we can.



The Virginia OSIA Foundation 2024 Scholarships

The Virginia OSIA Foundation is pleased to announce that four academic excellence-based scholarships totaling \$3,500 are available for 2024. The Foundation encourages eligible and deserving students to apply for any or all these scholarships.

Available scholarships for 2024

The Virginia OSIA Foundation Scholarship -- \$1,000.00

The Joesph Fulton Memorial Scholarship -- \$1,000.00

The John F. Asiello Scholarship -- \$1,000.00

The Grand Lodge of Virginia Scholarship -- \$500.00

For the first three scholarships, applicants must be accepted into or currently enrolled in a full-time undergraduate (four year minimum) or graduate degree program in any course of study at an accredited institution of higher learning. For the Grand Lodge of Virginia Scholarship, students must be accepted into or currently enrolled in a community college or trade school.

Deadline

***Applications must be postmarked no later than
April 15, 2024***

Kathy A Drummond, Scholarship Committee Chair, at
anellol@verizon.net or 703-368-5039.

For applications in word version or pdf, please visit the Grand Lodge of Virginia website: vaosia.org/scholarships.html

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025 TERM

According to our Bylaws, the IHL Nominating Committee was elected at our meeting on November 18, 2023. The Nominating Committee consisted of Chairwoman Teresa Talierco Scafetta, John Asiello, Laura Asiello, Sharon Strauchs, and Joey Scafetta, III, whose duty it was to solicit members who may be considering filling open council seats. The process began in November and carries through February, with installation of new officers and trustees in March 2024.

At the December 2, 2023 meeting, Teresa Talierco Scafetta, as the Chairwoman of the Nominating Committee, reported the nominations agreed upon by a majority of the Committee.

There were two vacancies: Vice President and Trustee. According to our bylaws at Article VI, Section 2, which states in part: "To be elected Vice President, ... a candidate must have been a member of the lodge at least one year. Candidates for all other elected officers must have been members of the lodge for at least six months. The provisions of this section shall not apply where eligible and willing candidates are not available."

At the membership meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2024, further nominations were made from the floor to fill out the slate of officers. The nominees for all positions are:

*President: Dawn Falsinotti
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Guard: Maria Carolla*

According to our bylaws, Article VI, Section 1 states: "The officers/members shall be elected in February for a term of one (1) year or until their successors are installed. The officers shall assume the duties of their office upon installation during the month of March."

Article VI, Section 3, Subsection (c) states: "At the February meeting, no additional nominations shall be permitted except in the case of death or withdrawal of previously nominated candidates."

At our February 18th lodge meeting, the above slate of officers was approved by those in attendance. These members will be installed at our Installation of Officers Ceremony and Luncheon to take place on Sunday, March 24th at noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall behind St. Leo Church.

Grazie to our Nominating Committee and Joseph Scafetta, Jr. for your efforts in this endeavor.



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

Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517
2024 – 2025 Installation of Officers Ceremony & Luncheon
Sunday, March 24, 2024
Knights of Columbus Hall
(behind St. Leo's Catholic Church)
3700 Blenheim Boulevard
Fairfax, Virginia



12:00 pm – Aperitivo
12:45 pm – Introduction of Honored Guest
Aldo Funai, President, Grand Lodge of Virginia
1:00 pm – Luncheon
2:00 pm – Installation of Officers Ceremony

Event Cost: \$15.00 per person will include Aperitivo, Meat and Vegetarian
Lasagnas, Insalata, Garlic Bread, Italian Desserts & Coffee

RSVP by March 20th to:

Eleanor Lillo (703) 354-2454, delillo1@verizon.net

Make checks payable to "Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517"

And mail to: Eleanor Lillo, 5104 Colebrook Place, Alexandria, VA 22312

CARNEVALE DI VENEZIA

February 18, 2024



At our celebration of Carnevale in Venezia, lodge members and guests donned masks and beads while enjoying Cicchetti and a typical Venetian cuisine!



Photographs submitted by Coletta Sciscilo

GUEST SPEAKER
MICHAEL C. MARKOWITZ
SATURDAY, APRIL 20 @ 5:00 P.M.
Knights of Columbus Hall

Michael C. Markowitz

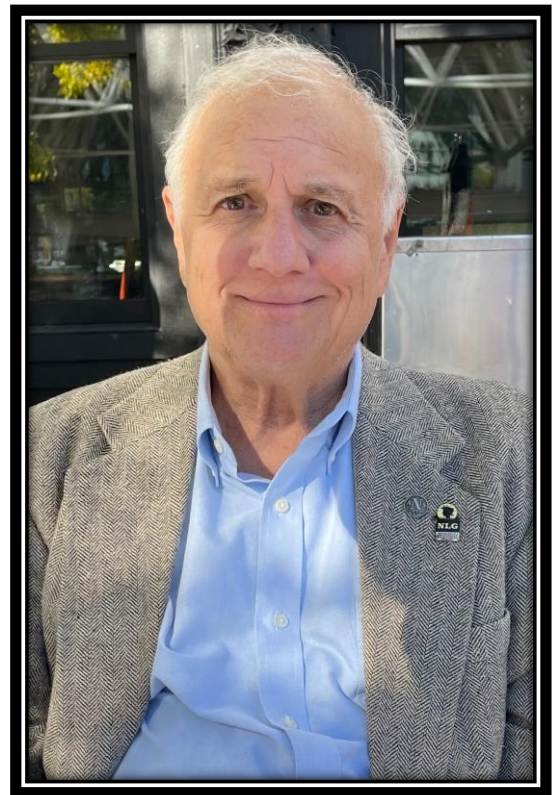
Michael C. Markowitz will give a talk about the coinage of the Papal States and Vatican City at our monthly membership meeting on Saturday, April 20, 2024. He will show some coin samples from his collection. He will make a Power Point presentation to be followed by a question-and-answer period.

Mike was born in New York City. His mother's Italian family name was Genga. His father's ancestors emigrated from Romania. Mike attended the University of Rochester, then the University of California, Irvine. He worked for many years in the aerospace industry in southern California. He moved to northern Virginia in 1991 where he is a senior research specialist for the Center for Naval Analyses.

Mike is a contributing writer on ancient and medieval coins for CoinWeek.com. He is a member of the American Numismatic Society and the Ancient Numismatic Society of Washington, D.C. Additionally, he is the vice president of the Fairfax Coin Club.

Mike has said that one of the greatest thrills of his life was spending an afternoon inside the coin vault of the archaeological museum in Siracusa, Sicily. As a lifelong bachelor, Mike resides in Fairfax where he is married to his coins.

Let's give a warm welcome to Mike Markowitz!



(Submitted by Joseph Scafetta, Jr.)

Sonny's Funnies

DAVE COVERLY



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



DAVE BLAZEK



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Authentic St. Joseph's Day Pasta

Simple, traditional and perfect on Lenten Fridays.

Eaten year-round, but especially on March 19, the day Italians celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph, this humble dish calls for just a few ingredients. The name comes from the main ingredient, the breadcrumbs, which are said to resemble the sawdust left behind after a carpenter's workday. This pasta is also often served as a first course on Christmas Eve, a day Italians traditionally enjoy seafood recipes or other meatless dishes. The recipe below serves about 4-5 people, but you can adjust accordingly. Prep time is minimal at best, and it all takes well under 30 minutes to prepare. Plus, it's what I call a "pantry pasta," you should have everything you need in your cupboards.



Ingredienti:

½ cup olive oil, divided
2 cups unseasoned breadcrumbs
Table salt for the pasta water
1 pound bucatini, spaghetti, fettuccini, or other long pasta
8 anchovy fillets, chopped
Crushed red pepper flakes

Instructions:

1. In a large sauté pan over medium heat, heat ¼ cup of oil. Add the breadcrumbs and mix with a wooden spoon. Toast the breadcrumbs until lightly browned, 2 to 3 minutes. Set aside in a small bowl.
2. Meanwhile, in a 6-quart pot over high heat, bring about 4 quarts of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta, stir, and cook to just under al dente, about 2 minutes less than the box instructs.
3. Meanwhile, as the pasta cooks, in the same sauté pan used for the breadcrumbs, add the remaining ¼ cup of oil, chopped anchovies and the oil they came in, and red pepper flakes, and cook over low heat until the oil is hot but not burning, and the anchovies break down.
4. Drain the pasta, reserving 2 or 3 tablespoons of pasta water. Add the pasta to the sauté pan. Coat evenly, adding a few tablespoons of the pasta water, or additional oil, if it's looking dry. Continue until the pasta is fully cooked to al dente.
5. Turn the heat off, and add most of the breadcrumbs to the pasta, stirring to coat evenly. Season with additional salt, if needed. Plate the pasta and top each dish with the remaining breadcrumbs.

Note:

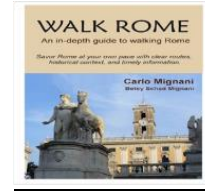
Make this dish more satiating with some raisins and pine nuts. Add them to step 1 while toasting the breadcrumbs. These are typical Sicilian additions to this dish.

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