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

**OTTOBRE 2019
MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Cari amici,

In September we had our 2nd annual, very successful, Meet & Greet Spaghetti Dinner. IHL members, families and guests were treated to a delicious dinner provided by Sharon and Joe Cardinale. Joe and his sous chef, Sharon, did a fabulous job. Our special guest speaker for the evening, Salvatore Bosco, a local artist, gave an interesting presentation on Pointillism. Pointillism is a technique which uses patterns of small dots to form an image. This technique is over one hundred years old. Sal brought some of his artwork and talked about the laborious process and his work at the Natural History Museum. Many thanks to Sal.

The Annual Family Picnic was canceled due to low attendance and scheduling conflicts. September appears to be a very busy month and we may have to look at alternative dates for the picnic. Suggestions welcome.

October will be a very busy month for lodge activities. October 12th will be a celebration of Italian American Heritage. We will be creating a festival atmosphere celebrating the Italian American experience. We will have stations of festival foods in limited quantities and we ask that you bring a dish that you grew up eating or still make now that has meaning to you. Also, please bring family photos, memorabilia and stories to share. This should be a fun night. The next day, Sunday, October 13th, is apple picking at the Marker-Miller Orchards Farm Market & Bakery in Winchester. This event is perfect for a terrific family outing. My family and I have been going here for many years and we love it. There are activities for kids and dogs are allowed, not to mention the best Apple Cider doughnuts you've ever had. Carpooling is an option for those that don't want to drive. Please contact me if interested. We will meet at 12:00 noon at the pavilion for an al fresco lunch. Please bring something for the group to share. Here is the website: <http://www.markermillerorchards.com> Any questions, please contact me at falsinotti@yahoo.com

On October 19th, the IHL is participating in the Alzheimer Walk in Manassas. This is a major fundraising event and we ask for your generosity. All are welcome to walk the 1-mile course and join us after for lunch at the Bella Vita Restaurant in Manassas.

Phew! Now if we could just get some cooler temps we'd all be ready for a fabulous fall.

*Best regards,
Dawn*

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

October 9	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Delia's Pizzeria 6715-F Backlick Road
October 12	Italian-American Heritage Night	6:30 PM	K of C Hall
October 13	Apple Picking & Lunch	Noon	Marker-Miller Orchards Winchester, VA
October 10	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	Kings Park Library
October 14	Columbus Day		
October 14	National Columbus Day Ceremony	11:00 AM	Columbus Plaza/Union Station, Washington, DC
October 19	WALK-A-THON	10:00 AM	Manassas, VA
October 26	IHL Language Group	6:30 PM	Reston, VA
November 9	TBD		
November 11	Veteran's Day		
November 28	Thanksgiving Day		
December 14	Festa di Natale	6:00 P.M.	K of C Hall
December 25	Christmas Day - Feast of the Nativity		

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Buon Anniversario !



Kenneth & Carol Linder	October 4
Frank & Susan Bonsiero	October 6
Joe & June La Marca	October 6
Christopher & Cynthia Williams	October 8
Peter & Kathleen Ognibene	October 10
David & Laura Strong	October 18
Art & Gloria Moscatello	October 22
Chris & Diane Spina	October 23

Buon Compleanno

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Laura Asiello	October 6
Marissa Scala	October 11
Paul Alligood	October 13
Kathleen Coggiano	October 14
Bruno DiConi	October 21
Dolly Dougherty	October 22
Coletta Sciscilo	October 22
Joe Signorelli	October 27
Joseph Scafetta, III	October 28

Our congratulations to Joe and June La Marca as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 6th.

We are all quite sure you have many "golden" memories.

2ND Annual Meet & Greet Spaghetti Dinner

So happy to report that our 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner was once again a great success. The purpose of this dinner is to invite members and guests to meet as well as get to know our officers over a homemade spaghetti dinner. This year, our tremendous thanks goes to Joe and Sharon Cardinale for all of their talents and efforts in providing (in all ways) the evening's dinner. They certainly slaved over the meatballs and large pots of tomato sauce with diners asking for seconds and some also "purchasing" take out dinners. What a lovely compliment for them! We enjoyed meeting some new friends that evening and we greatly appreciate all of our council members who set up, served, cleaned up and were present to "greet" you all. A bonus for the evening was our guest speaker, Sal Bosco, who gave an interesting and amazing presentation on his unique artwork as well as displaying his art for all to admire. Grazie Sal, we hope that you and Joann enjoyed the evening as much as we loved having you with us. It will be hard to top the last two years but we are working towards continuing to bring this fun event again next year.

The IHL Italian Language Group - Grazie mille to Linda Moran for graciously hosting our September group. Besides enjoying a delicious dinner, the group tackled the game of "Taboo" – Italian style! It was great fun and certainly challenged our thinking and speaking skills. The October Italian language group will be hosted by Dennis Ferrara on Saturday, October 26th. 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 location of October's meet up, for more information about the upcoming schedule and 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!

ATTENZIONE !

Upcoming events... .. Check out our busy October!

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Noon on **Wednesday, October 9, 2019**, at Delia's Pizzeria and Grill located at 6715-F Backlick Road, Springfield, VA. An IHL favorite, Delia's is known for its Greek and Peruvian dishes and salads as well as its pizza, pasta, sandwiches and platters. So come and join your fellow IHLers for lunch on Wednesday, October 9th. Please email Dennis at delillo1@verizon.net or call him at 703-354-2454 if you plan to attend so he may include you in the reservation.

Since the month of October is designated **"Italian Heritage Month"** IHL will celebrate by reliving the Italian Festival we so loved growing up, wherever you and your family enjoyed a "Little Italy." It will take place at the Knights Hall on Saturday evening, **October 12, 2019** starting at 6:30 p.m. Beverages are provided, but please bring a pot luck recipe perhaps handed down from your parents or grandparents. Be on hand to also sample the various typical foods we enjoyed such as sausage and peppers, zeppoles, cannoli, etc. See the flyer at the end of this Newsletter.

Apple Picking and pranzo al fresco at Marker-Mill Orchards. Twelve different varieties of apples, pumpkins and winter squash are now available for picking at the orchard, and not to mention their farm market, bakery and sweet shop, as well as family fun which includes a playground, wagon rides, cow train and food and picnic areas. Marker-Miller Orchard is located at 3035 Cedar Creek Grade, Winchester, VA and will be open Sundays in September from noon to 5:00 p.m. IHL will be meeting at the orchard at **noon on Sunday, October 13** for an al fresco lunch. Please let Dawn know if you would like to carpool so that we can arrange beforehand for carpooling from St. Leo's in the a.m. To find out more about Marker-Miller Orchards go to their website: markermillerorchards.com Bring a picnic lunch, kids, dogs, whatever and plan for a very fun afternoon!

WALK-A-THON – Once again our drive for this year's fundraising takes the form of a Walk-A-Thon. IHL will be walking with the Alzheimer's organization on Saturday, October 19th in Old Town Manassas. The walk starts off at 10:00 a.m. so we will meet shortly before than at the Harris Pavilion at 9201 Center Street. The 1 or 2 mile walk around Historic Old Town Manassas is family, stroller and wheelchair friendly. Please do not register beforehand or that morning, just look for our group wearing our green, white and red sashes and begin the walk with us. After the walk, we will be meeting up for a delicious lunch at Bella Vita Italian Restaurant at Liberia Avenue, Manassas, just a few minutes away. IMPORTANT, do not make a donation for the walk directly to the Alzheimer's organization on the day of the walk. All donations are to be made on the attached form. In order for IHL to gain credit for our charitable work, we must submit the donations through the Virginia OSDIA Foundation. All of the information is on the form and please designate to which charity(ies) your donation should go. Donations are to be sent to Eleanor Lillo and she will forward them to the Foundation. Our deadline for donations is mid-December and we will be sending out frequent updates and reminders to meet or exceed our goal of \$1,000. If you can walk and join us for lunch, please let Eleanor know for the lunch reservation. If you are unable to either walk or attend lunch, please be generous in your contributions for either Alzheimer's research, Autism or Cooley's Anemia, all important National charities. Thank you for generously supporting this year's fundraising effort.

Joseph Scafetta, Sharon Strauchs and Joe La Marca have kindly sent information for inclusion in our newsletter of upcoming concerts and other Italian events worth noting:

Now through January 12, 2020 - Verrocchio: Sculptor & Painter of Renaissance Florence at the National Gallery of Art, West Building. "An exhibition of some 50 masterpieces in painting, sculpture and drawing by the artist-teacher whose pupils included Pietro Perugino and Leonardo da Vinci."

November 14 and 15 - Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons at the Warner Theatre, 8 p.m. (ticketmaster.com)

November 21 and 22 - Sophia Loren at Montgomery College, MD, 7:30 p.m. (Montgomery College website)

February 9 - Il Volo at the National Harbor, 7:30 p.m. (ticketmaster.com)

Festa di Natale – Saturday, December 14th – 6:00 p.m. Time to put this on your calendar before the holidays get so busy. We love seeing our families, children and grandchildren enjoying one of IHL's most popular yearly events. A visit from Santa and his elf will always put a smile on a child's face and is always a perfect opportunity for mom and dad to take a picture with them on Santa's lap receiving a very special gift. This is also the perfect opportunity for us to show our children the true meaning of Christmas – love and compassion – as we continue our tradition of donating toys to the children at the Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, D.C. More information, including RSVP details, will follow but please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for current information.

Our Education Chair and Director of the Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia, Elisabetta Lazarte, has begun her Fall semester offering classes in various locations and for levels ranging from Beginner to Intermediate Advanced Italian language. Please contact Elisabetta at elisabettalazarte@gmail.com or 703-887-1995 to inquire about the fall semester, registration information and future language programs and schedules.

State Past President and IHL member, Joseph Scafetta, with his wife Teresa, will be advertising their 2020 Centennial Commemorative Calendar "1920 Women's Suffrage 2020". These calendars will make great Christmas gifts, teacher's gifts, gifts for your grandchildren and children, and business gifts as well as for stamp collectors. Keep your eyes out for the flyer which will be published in the November and December Newsletters.

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Italian – American Heritage Night

Saturday, October 12, 2019

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Hall

*Celebrate **Italian Heritage Month** at IHL*

in an Italian Festival atmosphere!

Pot Luck, so bring your nonna's best recipe and

Other Italian foods.

Sample sausage & peppers, fried ravioli, zeppole, cannoli,

Italian birra, and more.....

RSVP to Dawn Falsinotti

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*Here is your chance to share
your personal family stories
and traditions.*

*Bring photos and other
sentimental items to show.*



ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE
FESTA DI NATALE
DECEMBER 14, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.

This year's *Festa di Natale* is Saturday evening, December 14, 2019. Due to the extended length of the program and the young age of the primary audience, the social will begin at 6:00 PM. For the younger attendees, the program will include a reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* and all can join in as we sing Christmas carols. There will also be a very special guest visiting from the North Pole.

It is **especially important** that you call in your reservation since Babbo Natale will be making a surprise visit with a present for each child 12 and under. Members who are bringing children 12 and under are asked to RSVP to provide the name, gender, and age of the child, no later than **December 7, 2019**. This will give Babbo Natale time to select a gift for each child. RSVP details will be forthcoming.

DINNER: The meal will be a pot luck dinner of authentic Italian food. Please provide a traditional Italian entree or side dish, perhaps one of Nonna's family recipes, that will feed at least 6 to 8 people as there is usually a large turnout for this event. Anyone wanting to bring something additional can bring your Italian homemade dessert or an appetizer. Wine and beverages will be provided, including homemade Eggnog as well as a hot chocolate bar.

GIVE A GIFT: In keeping with the giving spirit of the holiday, members have the opportunity to participate in the following: each child or any other member or guest attending the meeting is invited to bring and place under the tree an unwrapped gift costing not more than \$10.00. The hospital, where the gifts will be taken, has requested that the gifts not be wrapped as they cannot give the children gifts without inspecting them. The gifts brought to the party will be taken to the Hospital for Sick Children the following week.





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SUBJECT: Walk-A-Thon for Cooley's Anemia, Alzheimer's and Autism

A primary function of the Italian Heritage Lodge (IHL) of Fairfax is to act as a fraternal organization to benefit our community. One of the ways we accomplish this each year is to donate funds to three specific charities ---- Cooley's Anemia, Alzheimer's, and Autism. This year, our members will participate in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's on **Saturday, October 19, 2019** at the Harris Pavilion in Old Town Manassas, 9201 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia as a fundraiser for these charities. The ceremony begins at **9:30 a.m.** and the Walk begins at **10:00 a.m.** We ask that you donate \$10, \$20 or whatever you can afford to support these worthy causes. All funds collected will be donated through the Grand Lodge of Virginia Foundation, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA), to one of the above-mentioned charities. After the walk we will meet for lunch at 12:00 noon at the Bella Vita Italian Restaurant located at 9675 Liberia Avenue, Manassas VA 20110.

Make checks payable to the Virginia OSDIA Foundation with a mention in the memo line as for which charity/charities the donation is designated. 100% of the funds collected will be forwarded to the Virginia OSDIA Foundation. Please mail your fully tax deductible contributions to:

**Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517
C/O Eleanor Lillo
5104 Colebrook Place
Alexandria, Virginia 22312**

Keep a copy of the form below as your receipt. I want to thank you in advance for your generosity and your support for our charitable causes.

Grazie mille,

Dawn Falsinotti, President, IHL

Receipt: Grand Lodge of Virginia Foundation, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

Cooley 's Anemia	_____	Amount	_____
Alzheimer's	_____	Amount	_____
Autism	_____	Amount	_____
Date:			

Columbus Day in the Nation's Capital

The National Columbus Day Ceremony

Monday, October 14, 2019

MUSIC PRELUDE: 10:45 A.M. - PROGRAM: 11:00 A.M.



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