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

**OTTOBRE 2021  
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA**

*Dear friends,*

*Happy National Italian American Heritage Month! This month we will offer opportunities to meet and celebrate all that is Italian American. The weather is cooling and the days getting shorter. October is my favorite month, celebrating all pumpkins and apples.*

*This month we have something for everyone. A visit to Veramar Winery, our Alzheimer's walk raising money and awareness, a Halloween Party/Movie Night, featuring "Jersey Boys," not to mention our Lunch Bunch and Happy Hour.*

*Please read through this newsletter. A lot of time and energy goes in to filling it with great information. I look forward to seeing you all throughout the month.*

*Best regards,  
Dawn*

*Two of our members, Francesco Falsinotti (VP) and Joe La Marca (Publicity Chair) are dealing with some health challenges. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.*

*Get well soon Franceso and Joe!*



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## FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

### OCTOBER

### *ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH*

October 6	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Luciano Rest. & Pizzeria 2946g Chain Bridge Rd. Vienna
October 9	“Rock the Grapes”*	Noon – 7 PM	Veramar Vineyard Berryville, VA
October 11	<i>CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS NATIONAL HOLIDAY</i>		
October 11	National Christopher Columbus Association	11:00 AM	Columbus Plaza Union Station, D.C.
October 16	Walk To End Alzheimer’s (Walk-A-Thon/IHL Charity Fundraiser)	9:30 AM	Harris Pavilion 9201 Center Street Manassas
October 16	Lunch following the Walk*		Bella Vita 9675 Liberia Avenue Manassas
October 20	Happy Hour	5:30 PM	Uno Pizzeria & Grill 3058 Gate House Plaza Falls Church
October 30	Italian Movie Night* “Jersey Boys” & Halloween Costume Party Food Pantry Donations	6:00 PM	K of C Hall

### November 11

### *VETERAN’S DAY*

November 13	IHL 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Food Pantry Donations	6:00 PM	K of C Hall
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### November 25

### *THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY*

*Join your IHL friends for this month’s “Lunch Bunch” on Wednesday, October 6 at noon at Luciano Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria, 2946 g Chain Bridge Road, Vienna (Hunter Mill Plaza). Please RSVP to President Dawn (falsinotti@yahoo.com) to make your reservation.*

*For Happy Hour this month – Wednesday, October 20 at 5:30 p.m. – we return to Uno Pizzeria & Grill, a favorite with IHLers. Located at 3058 Gate House Plaza, Falls Church, Uno’s offers Chicago Deep Dish and Thin Crust pizza, gluten free and vegan pizza, as well as salads, pasta, burgers, and seafood. Our Happy Hours are becoming quite popular!*

*Mark your calendars for our wine event, Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> when we will visit Veramar Winery, Virginia's Premier Winery & Vineyard, located in the Shenandoah Valley. If you would like to read about this distinguished winery and vineyard, go to [veramar.com](http://veramar.com). The "Rock the Grapes" event is totally family friendly with wine tastings, wine buying, music groups (after 5 p.m.). You can purchase food or bring your own, and there are about 8-10 food vendors, including a pizza oven truck that sells phenomenal pizzas. You will also see about 20 vendors for craft shopping. Rain or Shine the event will go on. Admission to the winery is \$18.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the gate; free for those under 12 years old. The ticket price includes admission and a free wine tasting at one of their three winery tents.*

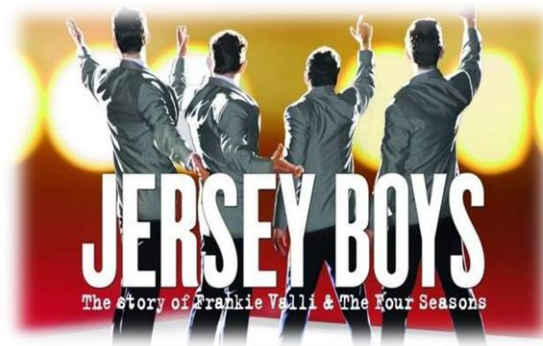
*At our recent council meeting, we were joined by Joe Scafetta, Jr., Former State President, who spoke to us about the National Christopher Columbus Association, and the importance of IHL having a presence in this organization. By a unanimous vote, IHL has joined the NCCA and has committed to attending the 2021 National Columbus Day Ceremony on October 11<sup>th</sup> at Columbus Plaza in Washington, D. C. with a musical prelude beginning at 10:45 a.m., ceremony beginning at 11:00 a.m. It will be an opportunity for IHL to participate in the wreath laying ceremony with embassies and other fraternal and civic societies. If you are interested in attending with your council members, please contact Colette so that we can coordinate car-pooling. There is a flyer provided by NCCA at the end of this Newsletter with all information regarding the National Columbus Day Ceremony. Thank you to Ellie and Joe for preparing the IHL ad that will go into the ceremony program book.*

*WALK-A-THON: We are participating in the "Walk To End Alzheimer's" again this year. This IHL fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, October 16 at 9:30 AM. Walkers will meet at the Harris Pavilion (Old Town Manassas), 9201 Center Street, Manassas, VA. The length of the walking route is 2 miles around Historic Manassas. The walk will be designed with COVID safety protocols in place, such as physical distancing, masks (where required), hand sanitizing stations and more. Immediately after the Walk, we will be having lunch at Bella Vita Italian Restaurant, 9675 Liberia Avenue, Manassas. This is just a short ride away from where the Walk takes place. **Please do not register beforehand or that morning, just look for our group under the Pavilion. It is important that you 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 form attached to your email. 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. We will also be accepting fundraiser donations throughout our remaining meetings and events at the lodge this year. Donations are to be sent to Dennis Lillo and he will forward them to the Foundation. Our deadline for donations is mid-December and we will be sending out frequent updates and reminders. If you can walk and join us for lunch, please let Colette ([colette.sciscilo@gmail.com](mailto:colette.sciscilo@gmail.com)) know for the lunch reservation. Also, if you need to car pool, we are planning car pool options from the Fairfax area. 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. Thanks to all who have so far made their donations (AND MAILED TO DENNIS LILLO) and for those who have contacted Colette with their RSVP for the Walk and lunch.*

*\*\* Between the Walk to End Alzheimer's and our lunch at Bella Vita, you may have time to explore Old Town Manassas a bit. The historic town features the brand new "Freedom Museum", which tells the story of Northern Virginians who served in the military. You can see artifacts such as uniforms, a "wall" of helmets, and plaques honoring Northern Virginians who died on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Visitor's Center and Train Depot (built in the 1850s), is a hub for the VRE and Amtrak trains. Inside are photos of Manassas over the decades. Distinctive boutiques and shops, such as "The Things I Love", line Main Street and side streets alike. Bella Vita is a few minutes outside of Old Town, so if you run out of time, you will have to come back someday to enjoy Old Town's summer concerts in the Pavilion / ice skating in the winter, restaurants and galleries. \*\**



*Dinner and a Movie? A delicious dinner and a fun Italian movie? Si, si! IHL will be featuring “Jersey Boys” for another Italian Movie Night combined with a **Halloween costume party** on Saturday evening, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Watch a fun movie, enjoy sausage and pepper hoagies, baked beans, chips, soda and dessert, all for \$5.00; during the movie we will offer popcorn and candy concessions too. Come and enjoy the songs and iconic images of Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons! RSVP will be needed.*



**\*RSVP required for these events**



*In the months of October and November (at our monthly meetings) we will be asking for food donations to assist the “House of Mercy” Food Pantry. Baskets will be set out on October 30<sup>th</sup> (Italian Movie Night) so that donations can be collected for this local food pantry. We have done this in the past as we came close to the Thanksgiving season and our members have shown much generosity. Please bring any items that are packaged, canned, or boxed such as soups, rice, pasta, peanut butter & jelly, cereals, etc. No fresh foods, please! If you miss the opportunity in October, we will be collecting again on November 13<sup>th</sup>, just in time for “Thanks-giving.” As IHL resumes events we are grateful for the opportunity to once again assist our community as a fraternal organization.*

*Effective July 1, 2021 our new dues structure came into effect. Each member has been 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 2022. Grazie to all members who have responded and submitted your dues.*

*AD PAGE – Joe La Marca has assisted in updating our Ad Page, always found on the last page of each month’s Newsletter. We are re-instating the Ad Page program with these updated costs: Member price - \$25/year; Non-member price - \$35/year. These prices will go into effect starting January 2022. If you would like to place an ad that will run each month, please send your business ad to Joe La Marca for inclusion.*

Buon Compleanno  
e Tanti Auguri!



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Laura Asiello	October 6
Paul Alligood	October 13
Marisa Scala	October 11
Bruno Diconi	October 21
Dolly Dougherty	October 22
Colette Sciscilo	October 22
Charles Romano	October 22
Joseph Scafetta, III	October 28

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Caron Ann Linder	October 4
Frank & Susan Bonsiero	October 6
Joe & June La Marca	October 6
Peter & Kathleen Ognibene	October 10
David & Laura Strong	October 18
Art & Gloria Moscatello	October 22



*Delicious "Homemade Limoncello" was  
sold at our Spaghetti Dinner.  
Grazie to all who supported  
our fundraiser! There will be other  
opportunities throughout the year to  
show your support!*

*Congratulations to the  
Italo-American Citizens Lodge,  
#1077, Portsmouth, VA*

*IACL celebrated their  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
in September with a social hour,  
dinner and dance.*

*Amanda, we know that you and  
your lodge brothers and sisters  
worked very hard to  
commemorate this milestone.*



*Cent'anni!*

Our Education Chairperson, Elisabetta Lazarte, sends this information on the Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia's new Fall 2021 classes. Classes begin in mid-September and go through early December via Zoom. "Our classes are based on a COMMUNICATIVE approach to the Language. As grammar is definitely taught in our classes, *Speaking and Understanding of the Spoken & Written language is our 1<sup>st</sup> and main goal.*"

Our classes are composed of 2 hours of instructions and a 10-minute break every 55-60 minutes.

**Beginner classes:** Will use the "New Italian Espresso 1" book for English speakers. This book set includes Textbook, workbook, audio visual DVD/CD which will be used for about 2 Years. This is generally different for each class. It takes 5 to 7 sessions to finish this beginner course based on the speed of the class. Teacher will purchase the books for the class. The cost for this 2-year packet is generally \$95.00 to \$105.00 based on shipping

**Beginners Reading Classes:** will use Alma Edizioni leveled reading audiobooks. Two leveled books will be cover per session. Books will be provided by the teacher and the cost is \$15.00 each.

**Pre-Intermediate review and conversation classes:** will be using The Ultimate Italian Review and Practice: USBN 978-1-260-45351-5. If you have the old edition no need to purchase the Second edition. The new edition has an online audio, but the book content is the same. This book is easily found online.

**Intermediate 2:** Will use the "New Italian Espresso 2" book for English speakers. This book set includes Textbook, workbook, audio visual DVD/CD which will be used for about 2 Years. This is generally different for each class. It takes 5 to 7 sessions to finish this beginner course based on the speed of the class. Teacher will purchase the books for the class. The cost for this 2-year packet is generally \$95.00 to \$105.00 based on shipping

**Intermediate/Advanced:** will use the ALMA NUOVO ESPRESSO L4 (B2) with Audio CD and online video access. This book will be used for 4-5 sessions based on the speed of the class. Teacher will purchase the books for the class. The cost for this packet is generally \$45.00 to \$50.00 based on shipping.

## REGISTRATION:

**To register**, please contact Elisabetta at [elisabettalazarte@gmail.com](mailto:elisabettalazarte@gmail.com) or 703-887-1995.

*A look at where to find  
some of the best  
mortadella in and  
around the city with  
which it's synonymous:  
Bologna.*



This beloved pink cured meat was created in Bologna during the Renaissance. When it crossed the Atlantic, its name eventually derived into bologna (or baloney). Mortadella has experienced a revival in its place of origin, enhancing countless recipes and even elevating simple slices of plain bread. The cold cut makes for a convenient quick lunch, snack, and aperitivo – even better if paired with a glass of bubbly Lambrusco for the latter.

#### FICO Eatly World

At FICO Eatly World, a food-centric theme park of sorts, mortadella production takes place from Wednesday to Sunday (11 am to 2 pm). So if your travels to Italy bring you here, head to the counter to buy some. Or you can try it in a sandwich paired with different ingredients that change weekly.

#### Villani Salumi

This specialty shop in the province of Modena sells standard mortadella as well as varieties flavored with truffles, olives, and chili pepper are also worth a try. They're available both in the shop and online and are certified by the Consortium Mortadella Bologna PGI.

#### Artigianquality

Bologna-based Silvio Scapin produces nine types of mortadella in an artisanal way. Two are Slow Food strongholds, one contains truffles and another has pistachios. Then there is the famous Sette Chiese, the city's first organic mortadella produced. It's free of dairy products, dyes and flours, it's safe even for those with celiac disease.

#### Mortadella Favola

In the province of Modena, the Palmieri having been producing mortadella according to their simple, original recipe since 1919. Above all, Mortadella Favola is the only one stuffed and cooked in the rind. The plain or pistachios version can be found at supermarkets around Italy, such as Esselunga.

#### Salumificio Franceschini

Salumificio Franceschini, located in the province of Bologna, has been producing various cured meats since 1964 and added mortadella to their repertoire in recent years. Their mortadella is called Opera and is prepared exclusively with noble cuts and lard from pigs born and raised in Italy.

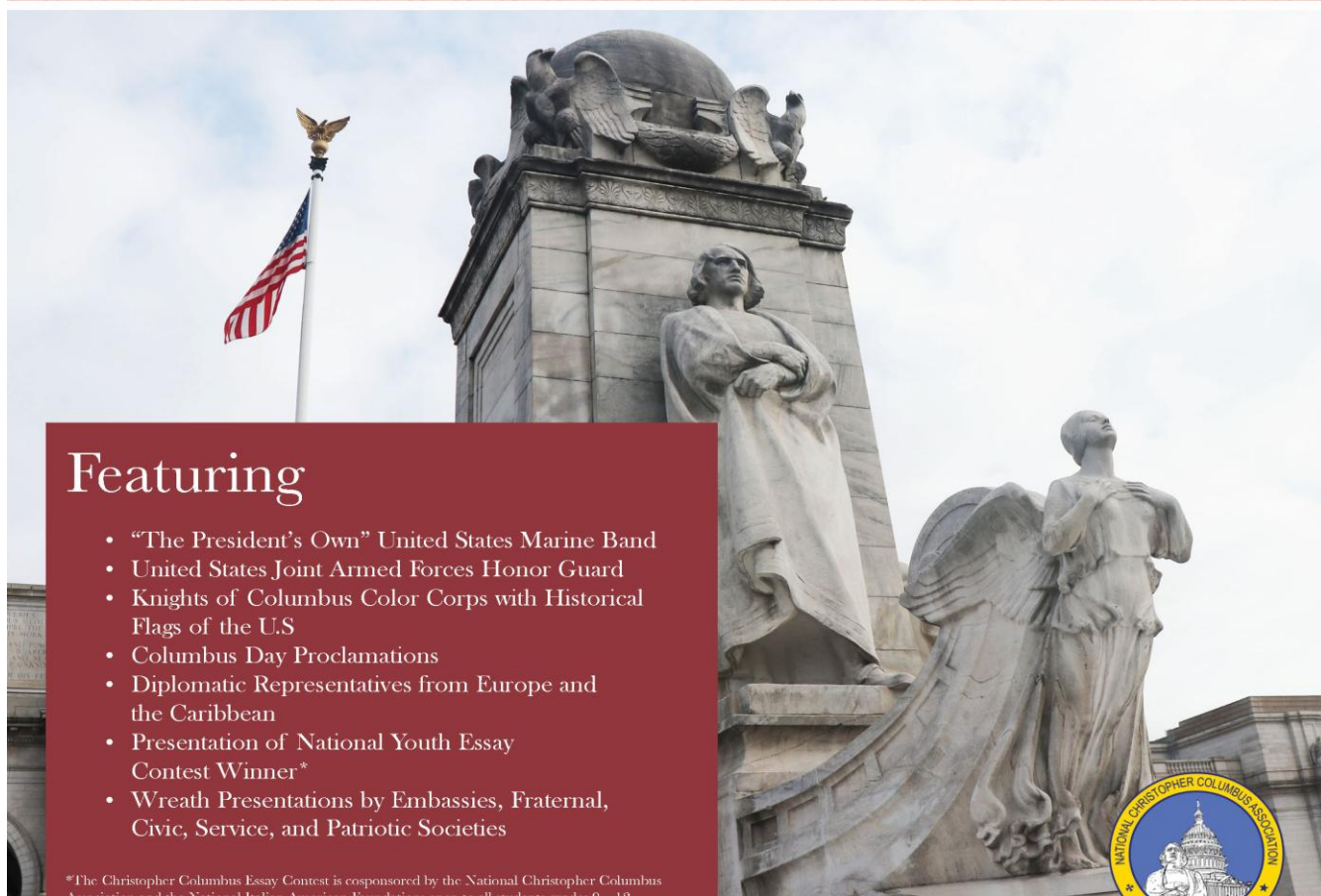


# National Columbus Day Ceremony

∞ Monday, October 11, 2021 ∞

*Musical prelude begins at 10:45 a.m.*

*Ceremony begins at 11 a.m.*



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- “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band
- United States Joint Armed Forces Honor Guard
- Knights of Columbus Color Corps with Historical Flags of the U.S
- Columbus Day Proclamations
- Diplomatic Representatives from Europe and the Caribbean
- Presentation of National Youth Essay Contest Winner\*
- Wreath Presentations by Embassies, Fraternal, Civic, Service, and Patriotic Societies

\*The Christopher Columbus Essay Contest is cosponsored by the National Christopher Columbus Association and the National Italian American Foundation; open to all students grades 9 – 12.

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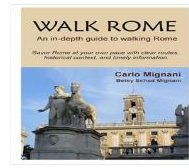
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