

JULY 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cari amici,

I am extremely pleased to announce that we have once again united to show our community a simple but true example of friendship, spirit and love of our Italian Heritage. I was so very proud to be a part of the City of Fairfax 50th Independence Day Parade this morning as I witnessed many of our members were as well. *Thank you all* for coming out for our tenth year, decorating our awesome vehicles, waving Italian and American flags, cheering the crowd as they cheered us, and displaying a genuine dedication to the Italian Heritage Lodge. We were at least 50 strong with many children walking or riding in decorated wagons and strollers, old members and new friends joined us on the route, and none were deterred by a threat of rain, which coincidentally held off until after the parade was finished. Our sincere thanks go out to Joe LaMarca and his team, Tony Musco and his young men, R. E. Lee Electric Company for the use of "the truck", the Asiello family for supervising the decorating and handing out candy to parade viewers, and Roy Schender whose iPad is safely in his hands once again, seriously Roy, another great job with the music – and to all of you for a fun day!

As a follow up to our 2016 Outreach Weekend, I want to thank Dennis Lillo once again for his astute accounting of the many various expenses for hosting the weekend's events (surely a thankless task). He informed our council members that after paying all bills, the Lodge was able to make a small profit, which funds will be donated to our charities. *Grazie* to all who purchased the Order Sons of Italy in America National Raffle tickets. A Grand Prize of \$15,000 and Five Second Prizes of \$1,000 each will be awarded in August. *In bocca al lupo!*

On another note, it is also my duty to inform you of a few of our members who have recently been ill. Council member Frank Marcinkowski, Sr. has just completed 5 ½ months of chemotherapy treatment for prostate cancer and it seems he is well on the road to recovery though it has been "trying on his well being". He and Delores have missed joining us for many of the recent events, but they are hopeful to join us for peach picking next month. I am requesting your thoughts and prayers for Delores as she is mourning the recent loss of her sister, Anne. As well, another dear council member, Walter Dougherty, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is now undergoing treatment. Walter and Dolly have been greatly missed at recent events also and I assure you, they have sincerely missed being with us. After the diagnosis of a serious illness, our Vice President, John Ingargiola, seems to be recovering nicely and we are awaiting his and Theresa's return to upcoming events. I remain hopeful that these members will grace us once again in the very near future with their joyful presence. In the meantime, please join me in keeping them and their families in prayer and thought for a return to good health.

A Presto!

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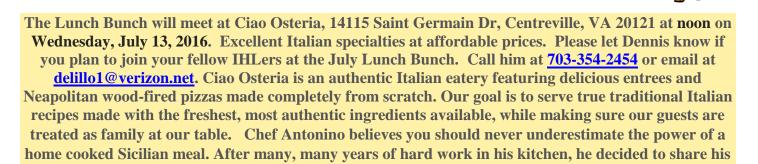
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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS				
July 13	Wednesday Lunch Bunch	12:00 PM	Ciao Osteria, Centreville	
July 20	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	George Mason Library, Annandale	
August TBD	Peach Picking	TBD	Virginia Perfection Orchard Delaplane, VA	
September 11	Annual Family Picnic	1:00 PM	St. Leo K of C Hall	

LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS



recipes with us. You can expect only an authentic taste of Sicily when you eat with us at Ciao!

Please calendar also our upcoming summer events: **August Peach Picking** (TBD) at the Virginia Perfection Orchard in Delaplane, VA, with dinner following the peach picking outing. And our **Annual Family Picnic**, **Sunday**, **September 11**. Look for more details and information in upcoming Newsletters about these very popular, fun and family oriented events.

Italian Language Meeting Group – Please let Carlo or Betsy Mignani (<u>mignani@cox.net</u>) know if you are interested in the language meetings. Carlo also tutors the Italian language and his ad is located on our advertisement page of the Newsletter.

Il Giornale – The Grand Lodge of Virginia's publication, *Il Giornale*, is accepting articles and pictures for upcoming issues. I will be forwarding the current issue by email to our IHL members for your enjoyment. In the meantime, if you have an article, pictures, or ideas for articles you would like to submit, please email them to me to review before submission.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Cardinale	July1
Elizabeth Radke	July 7
Carol Aron	July 16
Walter Dougherty	July 16
Ann Lipton	July 25
Carol Ann Linder	July 27



JULY ANNIVERSARIES



Joseph & Teresa Scafetta	July 4
John & Theresa Ingaragiola	July 11
Paul & Rosalie Alligood	July 12
Augustine & Joyce Taormina	July 22

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