



LUGLIO 2017
MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

Cari amici,

First, I would like to say *Benvenuti* to our newest lodge member, **Mario Sacco**. We first met Mario when he attended our White Elephant fundraiser and he has since joined the lodge and attended the bocce event.

Within the Newsletter, Publicity Chairman Joe LaMarca has provided us with the finalized plans for this year's **City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade – July 4th**, which I hope everyone has placed on their calendars. 2017 will be IHL's **11th consecutive year** of participating in the parade and I am happy to say that there has been an increase in participation recently which includes members, children, grandchildren and guests proudly representing our Italian-American heritage. It is quite exciting to be welcomed by the cheers of enthusiastic parade viewers which puts us in a celebratory and patriotic spirit. This year we will be joined by members of the Italian Heritage Society of St. Mary of Sorrows Church. The parade route is a one-mile walk, or ride, through the City of Fairfax. The results have been well worth our efforts as it continues to promote the image of our viable organization and provides a platform for recruiting new members. All of the information is at the end of the newsletter, so please make note of the times and locations to meet. ***Come early (8 a.m.) to help decorate cars, bikes and our truck!*** If you have any questions whatsoever, please call or email Joe or me. ***At the conclusion of the parade, all those participating are invited to the home of John and Laura Asiello for a 4th of July lunch and viewing of our parade video. The Asiello's address is 5306 Inverchapel Road, Springfield. See you all early Tuesday morning!***

My attendance at the OSIA Grand Lodge of Virginia 35th Biennial Convention in Richmond was a fantastic experience for me. This was my first convention since joining the Sons of Italy and the Italian Heritage Lodge. Not only did I enjoy the travel to and from Richmond as I was traveling with Laura and John Asiello and Financial Secretary Dot Saia, but we were joined there by members Joseph and Teresa Scafetta and their son, Joseph, VP Dawn Falsinotti, Secretary Eleanor Lillo, Trustee Marianne Hallahan and State Officers Laura and Al Frappollo. John Asiello has resigned as a State Trustee, as well as Laura Frappollo, Recording Secretary, and Al Frappollo, Orator. Thank you John, Laura and Al for your years of service representing IHL at the State Level. Marianne Hallahan was nominated and her nomination was accepted and will now serve as a State Trustee. Congratulations to you Marianne, we know that you will serve wisely.

The weekend also proved to be a very rewarding time for IHL as we received two of the three 2017 Scholarships given by the VA OSIA Foundation. Please join me in congratulating **Joseph A. Scafetta, III** (Joseph Fulton Memorial Scholarship) and **Emily Borkowski** for this high achievement of winning academic scholarships for 2017. During the Convention, IHL awarded three State Awards to Anthony Musco, Eleanor Lillo and Dennis Lillo. It was an honor for me to bestow these awards on such deserving and valuable members. I thank Sal Guli and John Asiello in assisting me with the narratives and ratings for these three awards. IHL also received a Third Pace Merit Point Award for our efforts in the realm of membership, scholarship, attendance at state meetings, charitable giving and contributions to *Il Giornale*.

In our President's meetings, our general meetings and in committee meetings, we discussed such things as membership, social justice, fundraising, culture and heritage, education to name a few. Saturday vigil Mass was celebrated in Italian by Father Pat Apuzzo. In general, it was good for me to have attended. Seeing our lodge brothers and sisters from around Virginia again was a meaningful experience, as well as hearing about the struggles, the goals and many accomplishments of our Virginia lodges and the new ideas that can be implemented to be successful in introducing and keeping our Italian culture and heritage alive in our communities.

Further congratulations can be extended to **Kyle Lipton**, grandson of John and Laura Asiello. Kyle is a 2017 graduate of West Springfield High School and this Fall Kyle will attend the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He will be a member of the Black Knights Diving Team. We know that all of your family is very proud of you Kyle and send you off with our deepest congratulations on your achievements.

Keep in your thoughts and prayers **Diana Guli** who has undergone hip replacement surgery but I hear that she is recovering nicely. Best wishes to you Diana and we hope to see you as soon as you are able to attend future events. We know that Sal is taking excellent care of you!

Bob Amante, our Grand Lodge of Virginia President, is on the mend after very serious eye problems - a detached retina in his right eye. Beverly keeps me up to date on his "good" progress with therapy and medications, a good medical staff to care for him as well as Beverly's constant attention.

Con affetto!
Coletta

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

July 4	City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade	9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. to decorate)	City of Fairfax
July 4	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div>*** <i>Happy Birthday America</i> ***</div>  </div>		
July 12	Lunch Bunch	12:00 p.m.	Sugar Palm Thai Restaurant
July 19	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	George Mason Library
August 5-6	K of C Hall Clean Up	TBD	Knights of Columbus Hall @ St. Leo's
August	Annual Peach Picking And Family Dinner	TBD	TBD
October 8	Annual Family Picnic	TBD	K of C Hall

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Cardinale	7/1
Veronica McVicker	7/1
Elisabetta Lazarte	7/12
Ann Lipton	7/25
Carol Linder	7/27

Buon Compleanno



*Felice
Matrimonio*

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph & Teresa Scafetta	7/4
Jeffrey & Teresa Sciscilo	7/6
John & Teresa Ingargiola	7/11
Paul & Rosalie Alligood	7/12
Augie & Joyce Taormina	7/22

LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS



JULY LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, July 12 at noon at Sugar Palm Thai Restaurant located at 5580 Vincent Gate Terrace in Alexandria. Great Thai cuisine! If you come east on Edsall Road, it will be on your right just after you cross Rt. 395, next to Panera Bread. Please let Dennis know if you plan to attend so he can include you in the reservation. Call him at [703-354-2454](tel:703-354-2454) or email Dennis at delillo1@verizon.net.

June Bocce Event, hosted by Dennis and Eleanor Lillo: Over the years, the Lillo's have graciously opened their home to IHL members and guests and hosted an afternoon of bocce competition, great food and fellowship and this year was no exception. New member Mario Sacco along with several new guests joined us for a fun afternoon. Another enjoyable event hosted by Dennis and Ellie and we are very thankful for their generosity. Here is Dennis' recap of the afternoon, with pictures taken by Ellie:



Bocce at the Lillo's

For the Italian heritage Lodge (IHL), the event known as *Bocce at the Lillo's* has become an annual tradition. At last year's Outreach Weekend, hosted jointly by the IHL and George Washington Lodge, it was the principal entertainment that Saturday afternoon.



This year about forty IHL members and guests showed up on Saturday, June 10th, for the pot-luck dinner and the always fun but competitive bocce games.



Not everyone played, but typically bocce is a sport that can also be enjoyed by simply watching. There were many competitive games and some great shots made by even the novice bocce players



Omero Sabatini and Francesco Falsinotti also enjoyed the day by playing a few games of briscola



As an extra added attraction, Rosalie Ciccotelli's friend Ken Kunec entertained the attendees with his accordion playing and singing. It turned into a sing-along as many of the members joined in on the songs that they knew. All in all, a fun day for everyone and a tradition that will hopefully continue for many years to come.

Our yearly “clean up” of St. Leo’s Knights of Columbus hall will take place on **Saturday and Sunday, August 5th and 6th**. If you are able to assist with this effort, please contact John Asiello at 703-321-7840 or by email: jfasiello@aol.com. Thank you in advance for taking time out of busy weekend schedules to give John a hand.

You may have noticed on our lodge events calendar that we have schedule the **Annual Family Picnic for Sunday, October 8 – Columbus Day Weekend**. So get this event on your calendar and we will update you with further information as the months go by and details are finalized. What better way to celebrate Italian-American Heritage Month?

Italian Cultural Corner

Festa della Repubblica ~ On June 29th, the Italian Heritage & Cultural Society of Nativity Church hosted the **Festa della Repubblica**, Italy’s national holiday. This important national holiday commemorates Italy becoming a Republic in 1946 after 85 years of monarchy. Catherine Flumiani, First Counselor of the Embassy of Italy, offered remarks after dinner. In a joint effort between local Italian organizations – Italian Heritage Lodge, Italian Heritage Society of Saint Mary of Sorrows Church, Abruzzo & Molise Heritage Society, Italian Heritage & Cultural Society of Nativity Church and Italian Genealogy Group – planning for next year’s Festa della Repubblica has already begun.

Coming to Wolf Trap August 31st “Il Divo”

Classical crossover quartet Il Divo (Urs Buhler, Sebastien Izambard, Carlos Marin and David Miller) has enjoyed unparalleled success around the world and will perform at Vienna’s Wolf Trap on August 31st. With 160 certified gold and platinum hits in 35 different countries, it pioneered the genre of operatic pop or “popera”. In 2006, the Guinness World Records listed Il Divo as the most commercially successful, classical-crossover group in international music history. Tickets are \$75. If interested in attending, RSVP to Judy on or before July 4. Call or text her at **540-660-4206**.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 4th, 2017, CITY OF FAIRFAX

INFORMATION FOR ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE MEMBERS & GUESTS

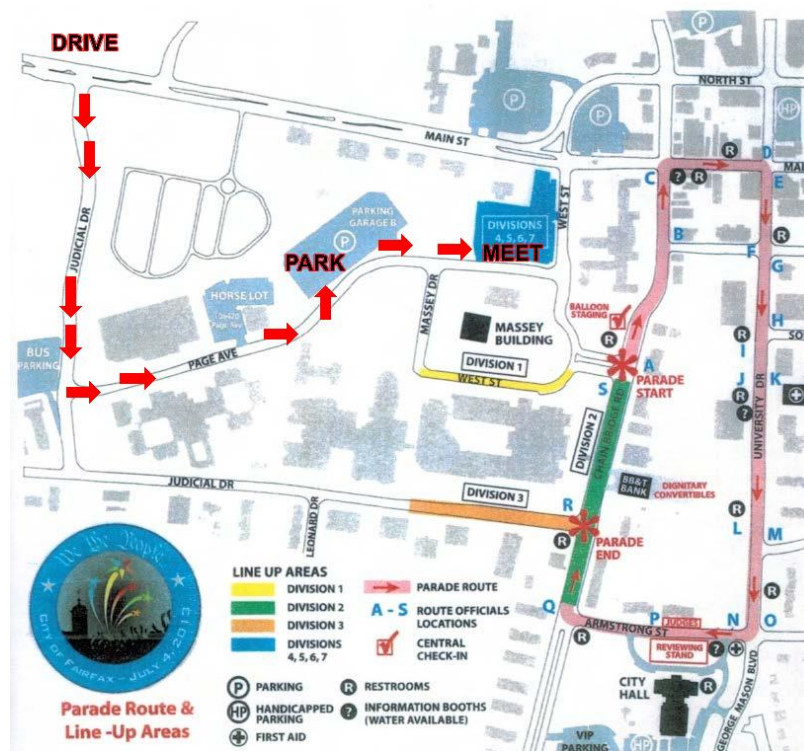
Changes from last year: 1) We are in a different division, so we must **meet an hour earlier, join the parade earlier, and finish earlier.** 2) After the parade **current lodge members who participate** in the parade are invited to the home of a fellow member to enjoy a **free lunch** and watch the parade replay together on television.

What: The highlight of the annual City of Fairfax Independence Day celebration is the well-attended parade. Our lodge will proudly participate in this huge event this year for the eleventh consecutive time.

Why: By participating in the celebration parade participants show **pride**, both in our nation and in the contribution to this great country by Italian-Americans. We also take advantage of an opportunity to obtain favorable publicity for our lodge, which helps in **recruiting** new members. Although the parade is very short, the experience offers fond memories and is lots of fun!

When: If you have a parade pass for your vehicle to be **IN the parade**, please arrive around **8 AM** so we can begin the decorations; if you arrive later than 9 AM, your vehicle will not be allowed in the parade. If you **are willing to help decorate**, please arrive around **8 AM**. If you **plan to walk or ride** in an authorized convertible or on the truck generously donated by R.E. Electric, but **not willing to help decorate**, arrive around **9 AM**. Expect traffic and detours on the way. If you are running late, come, anyway.

Where: See map, below. Enter the area by turning south from Rt. 236/Main Street onto Judicial Drive, then left unto Page Avenue. If your vehicle is not in the parade, **park (free) in Garage B on your left** then walk to the nearby meeting point, as indicated on the map, below. If not staying, you may **drop off your passengers closer to the meeting point**. If you have a pass to drive your vehicle in the parade, **bypass the parking garage, and follow the blue signs to the Divisions 4,5,6** outdoor parking lot parade assembly area, where you will be directed to your assigned parking spot. We will be in **Division 4, Position #411** this year. We will meet in the big outdoor parking lot, where we can enjoy watching and meeting participants of many other parade units.



Who: **You** are invited, as well as anyone else you also invite to fill our parade unit's ranks. Please invite **your family, friends, and neighbors**; they **need NOT be of Italian ancestry**, as long as they appreciate Italian-American culture and have some U.S. patriotic pride to display. Participants must be at least six years old unless they ride in a decorated wheeled vehicle, such as a stroller or wagon. No pets, please. Guests must not display banners or signs that would indicate a different "unit" that would normally need to apply to the Fairfax parade committee to participate; your invitees will represent our lodge, which in itself represents the Italian American community. Of course your guests must not, in any anyway, be a potential source of embarrassment.

How: Since there will be vehicles in our unit, you and/or your guests may either walk or ride the leisurely one-mile parade route. Young children, however, are not be permitted aboard the truck. Participants who have difficulty walking will have priority to ride, although there is usually room for all; truck riders must sign a standard liability waiver before boarding. Walkers may distribute to spectators items that have been previously approved by the lodge council, but may not throw anything.


Wear any Italian, Italian-American, or USA-themed clothing, or colors, red, white, blue, and/or green. Of course, don't forget sunscreen and good walking shoes. Water has always been available, but you might bring some to be sure. Hopefully, you will not need an umbrella; so far, it has never rained during the times we have been on the parade route. We should be finished before typical daily summer heat and afternoon showers begin. (No promises, of course 😊)

To view a video clip of our unit passing the reviewing stand last year, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tw10watWUew&feature=youtu.be&t=4393>. For photos of our unit in the 10 prior years' parades, see <http://www.italianheritagelodge.org/parade2016/index.html> For a replay of this year's entire parade watch for it on Channel 12 (Verizon or Cox cable) and later on youtube.com. To purchase a CD of this year's parade, call 703-293-7120. To learn more about this and other events of the day's celebration in Fairfax, visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration>.

If you have any **questions** about participating in this fun and important event, please phone our lodge Parade Committee Chairman at 703-475-6962 (cell) or email joe.lamarca@italianheritagelodge.org.

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