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Newsletter of:

THE ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE #2517
Order Sons of Italy in America



SETTEMBRE 2017 MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

Cari amici,

It is hard to believe that our Labor Day holiday is here. Our children, grandchildren and friends are now back in school, and summer vacations are winding down. Since the Wedding in late July, I have been able to relax a bit and did spend a short weekend at the New Jersey shore with family (not nearly long enough though). However, the most fun was keeping to our family traditions from the days when I visited my grandparents in Atlantic City, NJ, staying in the same house, literally playing at the same beach with my grandchildren where my parents played with me, and Jeff and I played with our children. Sunday was no exception as we attended Mass at the Italian National Parish of St. Michael's in Atlantic City. After Mass, as is our tradition, we walked around the corner to Formica's Italian Bakery and, as seen in this picture, all children who are good during Mass are given \$1.00 from Nonna to buy an Italian cookie! I love the way the cookies are lined up perfectly and colorfully staring back at very hungry and, yes, deserving children. Of course, Nonna Coletta was not disappointed either after having her cappuccino and always favorite sfogliatelli. Just love Dominic in his summer fedora as well!



Returning home, I was finally afforded some precious time in my very small garden wherein is planted my beautiful fig tree – a birthday gift from my daughter several years ago. It was planted in late October and survived that particular winter, and over the last few years, small, but green figs grew, never ready to be picked, but I was always excited, surprised and hopeful that someday there would actually appear real figs to pick, eat and enjoy. Growing up, didn't we all have a fig tree in our yard, or knew someone who did? Finally, this was the year my delicious, sweet and juicy figs appeared in abundance ready to be picked. I love that Dominic and Colette helped me harvest them and ate them right off the tree! As thankful as I am for this blessing, my deepest regret is that Jeff could not have picked that fruit from our lovely "fig tree" something he very much longed for. When he passed away, a dear friend of mine wrote to me the following words:

"Your angel, Jeff, will never leave you. Jeff will find a way to share your joys. Maybe through a fig tree, or a blossom or gentle snow. I believe that he'll find a way to show you an embrace and kiss you."



Ferragosto

Despite some unforeseen last minute and late evening arrangements, Vice President Dawn Falsinotti did a great job planning and carrying out our annual Peach Picking event on August 20th. This year we visited a different orchard than in other years due to the lack of peaches. Hartland Orchard in Markham was very welcoming, the prices were great, the peaches were so delicious and we could not have asked for more perfect weather in the orchard. There is nothing better than, nor more fun than, fruit that you pick right off the trees. I hope that everyone was able to enjoy your picks/pecks in many different ways. We had a very fun and large crowd as we moved from the orchard to Giuseppe's Ristorante Italiano in Haymarket. I like that in our own simple way, IHL celebrated in close proximity to the Italian holiday called *Ferragosto*. This ancient Italian holiday also has deep religious traditions as it celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th. It is also a time when Italians relaxed after the hard work and labor of the harvest and then enjoyed a true Ferragosto lunch with family and friends. *Era una bella giornata!*

Celebrate Your Italian Heritage and Culture
Saturday, September 9, 2017
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Our September event and pot-luck dinner will feature an evening of sharing our Italian heritage and cultural traditions with one another. We have not had the opportunity for a while now to share these great parts and memories of our lives and I would like to since we have some new members. All are welcome to speak about their Italian ancestors and family traditions; pictures and props are welcome.

Have you visited the Italian homes, cities and towns of your grandparents or great-grandparents?
Do you still have and do you know your relatives living in Italy?
What are some traditions that were passed down to you and you are sharing with your families?
Do you have a special memento given to you by an Italian relative (an article of clothing, jewelry, a musical instrument, china)?
Did your parents or grandparents have an interesting trade in the old country?

Provide an Italian dish (only) to share with your fellow members. If possible, use a recipe from your parents or grandparents. It can be a main dish or dessert, but should be Italian!

Prizes will be given to the most delicious and authentic main dish and dessert !

I am asking for your prayers for our State Trustee, Marianne Hallahan, who recently fractured her ankle during a home accident. She was disappointed that she was unable to join us for Peach Picking and is also unable to drive and work while healing. She will accompany me to the GLVA Quarterly Meeting and I know she will be excited to get out for the day! We wish Marianne a quick recovery. Also, John and Laura Asiello were both involved in unrelated accidents on the same weekend. John was hit by a soccer ball while a spectator and Laura was involved in a minor car accident. Our members are so dear to us and we are always concerned for their health and well-being. Our thoughts, prayers and good wishes are with you all. *Basta!*

Con affetto!
Coletta

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

September 9	Italian Heritage & Cultural Celebration	6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
September 13	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Olive Garden 3548-52 S. Jefferson Street Falls Church
September 17	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 A.M.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
September 20	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
October 8	Annual Family Picnic	1:00 – 4:00 P.M.	St. Leo Knights of Columbus Hall & Grounds
October 11	Lunch Bunch	Noon	TBD
October 18	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
October 21	Walk-A-Thon & Lunch	TBD	TBD

November 11

Monthly Meeting
Pot Luck Dinner
Annual Food Drive

6:30 P.M.

Knights of Columbus Hall

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Garanzini	9/3
Joe Cardinale	9/5
Joe LaMarca	9/6
Nancy Perrelli	9/17
John Innello	9/20
David Asiello	9/22
Jeffrey Sciscilo, Jr.	9/22
Jerry Di Cerbo	9/30

*Buon
Compleanno*



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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

David & Michelle Asiello	9/13
Bruno DiConi & Marisa Scala	9/19
Joe & Sharon Cardinale	9/20
Tony & Jane Musco	9/21
Michael & Joanne DeMarco	9/27



LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, September 13, at noon, at the Olive Garden located at 3548-52 S. Jefferson Street, Falls Church, across from Skyline Shopping Center, Columbia Pike. Their current promotion is two for one on certain entrees. 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.

Our Annual Family Picnic is planned for Sunday, October 8 - Columbus Day Weekend - from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Knights of Columbus Hall, located behind St. Leo's Catholic Church in Fairfax. At the end of this month's Newsletter there is information regarding the event, including costs and volunteering, so please call me or John Asiello with questions or to RSVP. Please print out the enclosed flyer and hang it on your refrigerator or bulletin board as your reminder of our annual get-together. We will also extend an invitation to the several Italian societies in our area.

Our yearly "clean up" of St. Leo's Knights of Columbus hall was backbreaking work for sure, but your efforts were greatly appreciated as was your sacrifices in taking time out of your busy weekend schedules to give John a hand. Our heartfelt thanks to John Asiello, Dennis Lillo, Joe LaMarca, Tony Musco, Roy Schender, David Strong, David Asiello and Fred Michaelangelo.

OSIA Student Summit - If you did not receive the information and application regarding the upcoming OSIA Student Summit, which GLVA President Bob Amante requested be sent out to all members, please let Colette know. GLVA will sponsor the first two students whose applications are received by Kathy Drummond by September 10th. You can contact Kathy at (703) 368-5039.

Earthquake Relief Fund - In case you have not seen the recent article in the *Italian America Magazine*, the Sons of Italy Foundation has donated in excess of \$150,000 to earthquake victims since the devastating earthquake struck the Marche, Lazio, Umbria, and Abruzzo regions last year.

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**ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE
ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017**

The lodge will hold its Annual Picnic on the grounds of the Knights of Columbus Hall behind St. Leo's Church from 1:00 to 4:00 on *Sunday, October 8th*. This event serves as our regular lodge meeting for October so be sure to come out and enjoy the event. For planning purposes, John Asiello would like a head count in advance of those coming and some VOLUNTEERS to help set up starting at 9:00 AM. If you can help, RSVP to John at 703-321-7840 or email him at jfasiello@aol.com. Come enjoy the fun, food and games (test your bocce skills, etc.). Here are the details:

Date: Sunday October 8th

Time: 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Place: Knights of Columbus grounds
Behind St. Leo's Catholic Church, Fairfax

Menu:

Italian Sausage & Peppers
Hot Dogs and Hamburgers with all the trimmings
Antipasto Salad
Green Bean Salad
Baked Beans
Pasta Salad



Beverages: Beer, Wine, Iced Tea, Soda and Bottled Water

Dessert: Watermelon

Cost: \$15 per adult, \$5 per child ages 6 to 12
Not to exceed \$35 per family in the same household

Note: Extended Family, Friends and Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.
The "Same Household" rule (not to exceed \$35 per family) applies to them as well.

RSVP: John Asiello - 703-321-7840 / JFASIELLO@AOL.COM

****** Volunteers Are Needed ******

Outside Setup:

Tents, Chairs, Tables, Grill,
Buffet Tables, Condiment Table,
Coolers for Beverages, Bar
Table, Bocce Court

Inside Setup:


Prep Food - Salad, Sausage with
Peppers and Onions, Pasta Salad,
Green Bean Salad, Baked Beans
Hall - Chairs and Tables

Cleanup:

All who are available
at the end of the
picnic

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