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Newsletter of:

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

APRIL 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cari amici,

It is with a great sense of pride that I pen my first President's message for the Italian Heritage Lodge Newsletter. This year's Installation of Officers Ceremony, Social Hour and Dinner, catered by Ciao Osteria, was held on March 12th and combined with the George Washington Lodge. Approximately 65 members and guests were in attendance, including Bob Amante, Grand Lodge of Virginia OSIA State President, and his wife Beverly. We congratulate all of the new officers and offer our utmost thanks to those IHL members who served us well last year. I especially want to thank those members who worked hard to assure that this important event was a success and enjoyed by all. I am particularly thankful to our Immediate Past President, Dennis Lillo, for his mentoring and invaluable assistance to me over the past year as well as his example of a spirit of friendship and leadership over the past three years. He and Eleanor have always been very gracious hosts and embraced a charity of self for the good of the lodge.

Our next event, to be held on Saturday, April 9th, will be our traditional Pot Luck Dinner followed by a lively and entertaining speaker, Linda Rita Peluzzo Townsend. Linda was the first Italian-American to represent the State of Maryland in the 1966 Miss America Pageant. She also represented her state by proudly returning to Maryland with the Talent Competition Award. For her talent competition, Linda portrayed a young, Italian immigrant boy with an original monologue and accordion solo. Linda's talents, very sweet demeanor and desire to assist other talented artists enabled her to found her own successful talent agency which can boast many famous clients. She will treat us to stories about her young life growing up in an Italian family, stories of being a young performing artist, as well as a peak behind the scenes of a Miss America Pageant. Brush up on your acting skills as Linda will also "direct" any participants willing to audition for her – for fun of course!

Our lodge is hosting an *Outreach Weekend* for all lodges in Virginia, June 3-5, 2016. The details are contained inside this Newsletter. Most of our activities will occur on Saturday, June 4th, so be sure to save that date on your calendar so you can meet and mingle with members of the other Virginia lodges attending and enjoy the food and entertainment we are planning. Dennis and Eleanor Lillo and Sal Guli are heading a dedicated committee of members working extremely hard to put every detail in place for this weekend of fun and games. We also need a few volunteers for the Friday evening Hospitality Suite. Please review the Registration Form and send it in to Dennis as soon as possible – the registration deadline is *April 26th*. We need your support to make this weekend a success and we assure you of a fantastic weekend of fun, food and entertainment.

A Presto,

Collette

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

April 9	Lodge Event	6:30 PM	At K of C
April 20	Lunch Bunch	12:00 Noon	At Delia's Restaurant in Springfield
April 20	IHL Board Meeting	7:00 PM	At George Mason Library
May	Lodge Event	TBD	TBD
June 3	Outreach Weekend	6:00 PM	At Holiday Inn Express in Springfield

- Got an idea for a fun lodge event this year? Contact John Ingargiola at johni6040@gmail.com with your idea and it just might happen!

LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contact Carlo or Betsy Mignani for the date and location of the next language group meeting.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Susan Bonsiero April 3
Kathleen Ognibene April 11
Marianne Hallahan April 15
Neil Nappo April 19
Vincent Serafino April 20
Fred Ingham April 29



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph & Renee Signorelli April 5
Armando & Elisabetta Lazarte April 12
Jeffrey & Sharon Hayman April 16

APRIL LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at Noon at Delia's Restaurant, 6515 Backlick Road, Springfield VA 22150. Delia's serves excellent Greek cuisine and is one of our long-time supporters of our Casino Night events. Please come and join your fellow IHL members for lunch to show our appreciation for that support. Call Dennis at 703-354-2454 or email at delillo1@verizon.net if you plan to attend.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Cari Amici,

Ok folks, it's time to get serious about your attendance at the upcoming Outreach Weekend June 3-4-5 sponsored by the IHL. The attached package contains all of the details. We have tried our best to keep the cost to a minimum. Our goal is to break even on this event but that will not happen without your support and the support of the other Virginia Lodges. This is a great chance for you to meet and greet members attending from the other OSIA Virginia lodges. We have a wonderful dinner and great entertainment planned for the Saturday night event and you all know how much fun we have at the Bocce accompanied this time with a BBQ. The registration deadline is April 26th so please review the attached package and send in your registration form and check as stated in the attachment. For those of you who need hotel accommodations we have negotiated reasonable rates at the Holiday Inn Express Springfield where a block of rooms is being held for this event until May 3, 2016.

Grazie,

Dennis Lillo, Immediate Past President, Italian Heritage Lodge #2517



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OUTREACH WEEKEND JUNE 3-4-5, 2016 Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____ E-mail: _____

(Please print legibly)

Lodge: _____

Arrival Date: _____

If you have any questions please call Dennis Lillo at 703-963-3877

	<u># People</u>	<u>Total</u>
Outreach Weekend Registration Fee (per person) : \$95.00	_____	_____
Saturday night dinner and show only (per person) : \$80.00	_____	_____
Will you be staying at the hotel? Yes _____ No _____		
Will you be attending the Bocce/BBQ? Yes _____ # Attending _____ No _____		

\$95 Registration Fee includes Friday night **Hospitality Suite** at the hotel **6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.**, Saturday event "**Bocce and barbecue at the Lillo's**" (5104 Colebrook Place, Alexandria, VA 22312) from **11:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.**, Saturday night **dinner and entertainment** at the hotel **6:00 P.M. - 11:30 P.M** plus all necessary documents.

\$80 Registration Fee includes Saturday night **dinner and entertainment** only.

Dinner will be a buffet featuring prime rib, Atlantic wood-fired salmon, dressed baked potato, grilled asparagus, Caesar salad, bread and butter, beverages and dessert.

Make checks payable to Italian Heritage Lodge #2517 and mail to: Dennis Lillo, 5104 Colebrook Place, Alexandria, VA 22312 (**Registration deadline is April 26, 2016**)

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Express Springfield 6401 Brandon Ave, Springfield VA 22150

Registration deadline for hotel is May 3, 2016

Room rates 06/03/2016 - 06/05/2016 are \$89 for King; \$99 for double Queen; and \$139 for a Suite plus 12% tax on all rooms. Includes full hot breakfast buffet, wireless internet, shuttle service to local mall and Metro, and free parking. Call for reservations at:

877-810-5191. Ask for Italian Heritage Lodge or IHL room block. Or register online. Please contact Dennis and he will send you the link for online registration.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR OUTREACH WEEKEND

JUNE 3-4-5, 2016

Friday, June 3: Hospitality Suite at Hotel: 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM featuring wine, beer, soda, water, coffee, tea and finger foods (Lincoln Room)

Saturday, June 4: "Bocce at the Lillo's" from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM featuring a 90 foot built-in crushed granite court lined with six by six wooden sides. Includes a traditional hotdog and hamburger barbecue with side salads. Come join in on the fun as anyone can play this game. And if you don't want to play it's just as much fun watching the games and enjoying the barbecue. (In case of inclement weather BBQ will be at the IHL K of C Hall)

Saturday, June 4: Dinner at Hotel (Lincoln Room) starting at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be a buffet featuring prime rib, Atlantic wood-fired salmon, dressed baked potato, grilled asparagus, Caesar salad, bread and butter. Includes wine, beer, water, coffee, tea and dessert.

Saturday, June 4: The entertainment we have planned is truly special. It features Jerry Cardone singing classic Frank Sinatra songs. Jerry Cardone is well known for his masterful tribute to Old Blue Eyes – one that has endeared him to a multitude of fans far and wide. His vocalizing, with his Sinatra-style of diction, phrasing and performance has amazed audiences at Madison Square Garden, Lincoln Center, the Waldorf Astoria, Tavern on the Green and the Russian Tea Room. In addition, Jerry has produced, directed and starred in several Cablevision Sinatra tributes which have been aired dozens of times. Whether it's a ballad or a swing tune, you're sure to enjoy Jerry's renditions as he pays homage to one of the 20th century's greatest entertainers. (Start time approximately 8:00 P.M. after dinner service is completed) (Lincoln Room)

Sunday, June 5: Quarterly Grand Lodge of Virginia State Meeting
(Lincoln Room)

10:00 - 11:00 Virginia OSIA Foundation Meeting

10:30 - 11:00 State Presidents Cabinet Meeting

11:00 - 12:30 Grand Council Meeting

(Aside from the usual attendees, the Sunday Quarterly Grand Lodge of Virginia Sate Meeting is open to all Outreach Weekend participants who care to attend)



Jerry Cardone

"Ole Brown Eyes Sings Ole Blue Eyes"

Things to do in the Alexandria and Washington, D.C. Area

Obviously, there are numerous historic sites, museums and entertainment possibilities available to you while you are visiting the area during the Outreach Weekend. Simply type in "Things to do in Alexandria VA" orWashington D.C." in your smart phone or other device and a wealth of information will appear. A few of the more popular ones are listed below.

In Alexandria

Visit George Washington's home at Mount Vernon
The George Washington Masonic Temple
The Torpedo Factory Art Center
Old Town Alexandria with its shops and restaurants
The Woodlawn Mansion
Greenspring Gardens

In Washington, D.C.


The many memorials including the Viet Nam Memorial, the Washington Monument, the World War II Memorial, and those dedicated to Lincoln, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Martin Luther King.

The many museums that are part of the Smithsonian like the always popular Air and Space Museum and the Museum of Natural History. Visit the Tidal Basin with its famous Cherry Trees (not in bloom in June), the National Mall, the Washington National Cathedral or the National Zoo with the new baby panda Bae Bae.

Many ground and water tours are available both in Alexandria and Washington, D.C. If you do plan on taking a tour it would be best to make arrangements in advance of your attendance at the Outreach Weekend.

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