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THE ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE #2517
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APRILE 2017 MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

Carissimi amici,

On March 11, 2017, IHL and George Washington Lodge installed their new slates of officers at a ceremony and dinner catered by Ciao Osteria. Once again, Grand Lodge of Virginia President Bob Amante, assisted by his wife Beverly, presided over the ceremony to install the new officers. Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Grand Lodge of Virginia Trustee and IHL Special Events Chairman John Asiello, did a wonderful job in assuring the perfect evening. John was ably assisted by our talented team and I would like to especially thank John & Laura, Dennis (for the homemade eggnog), Roy & Sandy, Jo Lowe, who created and printed the programs, Renee for making those fantastic catering arrangements, Ellie and Alice for their tireless work handling the reservations, Dot and Cynthia who warmly greeted our guests, Dawn & Francesco, Marianne, and John. My sincerest gratitude to you all for all of your efforts before, during and after the event. It takes much dedication to have a successful event such as this and judging from the turnout and pleased members and guests, you are all to be congratulated. I would also like to thank one of our newest members, Judy McCloskey, for a very generous donation towards the printing of the programs as well as other installation expenses. If you were unable to attend, I know you join me in thanking all who generously gave their time and efforts this past year for the good of our lodge and hopefully in the future you will meet and get to know our new officers. With a new year ahead of us, I am humbled to be elected as lodge President again and greatly appreciate your confidence in me.

*We welcome new members **Angelo DeCecco**, President of Italian Heritage and Cultural Society of Nativity Church, and **Lauri Gwaltney**, daughter of Walter and Dolly Dougherty. Benvenuti!*

I am also pleased to welcome two new advertisers to the La Bandiera advertising page, Jeff Sciscilo, Jr. and Judy McCloskey, who join our group of dedicated advertisers.

I will attach to my Newsletter email the latest edition of Il Giornale. I think you will enjoy reading about all of the installation ceremonies that Bob and Beverly attended this year as well as seeing the great pictures of your fellow Virginia OSIO sisters and brothers.

*Con affetto!
Coletta*

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Italian Cultural Corner

Submitted by Julie Klosky

Join St. Mary's Italian Heritage Society on **Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 7:30** in old St. Mary's Hall for a **virtual tour of the Italian region of Friuli and a discussion of the First World War in Italy**. Angelo DeCecco will take us on a tour of the beautiful region of Friuli Venezia Giulia – located in the Northeast part of the country – a unique region where we find an interesting blend of cultures; the cities of Trieste and Udine; foods such as Prosciutto di San Daniele, montasio cheese and Illy coffee; and, some of the best wines in Italy! Furthermore, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of World War I, we also will follow in the footsteps of an Italian soldier and learn about his dramatic experiences serving in the Alps on the “Italian Front” in Friuli during the “Grande Guerra.”

SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

April 5	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Jaipur, Fairfax
April 8	Spring Cleaning Auction	6:00 p.m.	St. Leo K of C Hall
April 19	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	George Mason Library
May 13	Ladies Night	6:30 p.m.	St. Leo K of C Hall
May 17	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	George Mason Library
June 2-3	35 th Biennial Convention	-----	Hilton Richmond Hotel
June 10	Bocce at the Lillo's	Noon – 4 p.m.	5104 Colebrook Place Alexandria, VA
July 4	City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade	TBD	City of Fairfax

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<i>Anthony Gelona</i>	<i>April 1</i>
<i>Susan Bonsiero</i>	<i>April 3</i>
<i>Carlo Magnani</i>	<i>April 3</i>
<i>Marianne Hallahan</i>	<i>April 15</i>
<i>Neil Nappo</i>	<i>April 19</i>
<i>Fred Ingham</i>	<i>April 29</i>
<i>Frank Marcinkowski, Jr.</i>	<i>April 29</i>
<i>Phillip Spadano</i>	<i>April 30</i>

*Buon
Compleanno*



*Felice
Matrimonio*

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Joe & Renee Signorelli</i>	<i>April 5</i>
<i>Jeff & Sharon Hayman</i>	<i>April 16</i>

LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL LUNCH BUNCH



The Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on **Wednesday, April 5th** at the Jaipur Indian Restaurant located at 9401 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Jaipur offers an excellent buffet at a reasonable price. So make your plans to join IHL brothers and sisters for a unique dining experience. Call Dennis' cell at **703-963-3877** or email at delillo1@verizon.net if you plan to attend so he can include you in the reservation.

White Elephant Sale -- Our yearly White Elephant Sale will take place on **Saturday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m.** as a "Spring Cleaning" auction. All items are appreciated as the spirit of giving continues into the new year. Items that you no longer need or want, have been replaced by the latest model, or things you are just happy to pass on to others, will be auctioned off to benefit the lodge. Please start gathering anything unwanted – no need to price items as our auctioneers, June and Roy, do a fantastic job of personalizing each item to make a sure sale! This evening will be a "finger food" event with beverages provided. Please bring appetizers, desserts, and an appetite for fun!


Grand Lodge of Virginia 35th Biennial Convention, Richmond, June 2-3, 2017.

IHL should be represented with 10 Delegates to the Convention. Information regarding hotel registration, meal registration forms, program booklet advertising and memorials, and signature pages were sent as attachments in January's newsletter. IHL will take out a program ad and I encourage others to do so, if you have a business, or want to place a personal memorial in the program booklet. These ads cost \$100.00/full page; \$50.00/half page; \$25.00/quarter page; and \$10 for a patron or memorial advertisement. The deadline for the program booklet **advertising is April 20th and April 21st for registration.** Also, GLVA offers members the opportunity to be "Signature Sponsors" to support the success of the Convention. Each signature is \$1.00 and these sheets will be available at our meetings and events over the next few months. Please contact your President if you have any questions about Convention details or if you would like her to resend the registration or advertising forms.

Another deadline that is quickly approaching is the 2017 Virginia OSIA Foundation Scholarship Awards. Applications and transcripts must be postmarked no later than April 20th. There are three academic excellence-based scholarships to be awarded, each in the amount of \$1,000. For more information and to download applications, please visit their website: www.vaosia.org/scholarships

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