



## JANUARY 2017 / PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Felice Anno Nuovo!*

*My thoughts and best wishes to all in this blessed season of Christmas  
and in the New Year 2017!*

*Carissimi amici,*

*As 2016 comes to a close and a new year stands unwritten before us, I offer my sincerest wishes that only, and always, goodness, prosperity and kindness touch our lives. Whether young or old, we should always resolve to pursue our dreams, seek joy in all things and fill our hearts with what is desired the most – deep and abiding love for one another. Many of you know that this was a difficult year for me and my family. As I sought to rise above my daily struggles, I was always shown tremendous kindness by our IHL family, and for that I am truly grateful. I anticipate this new year which holds for me my daughter's wedding and a third grandchild from my son and daughter-in-law – all good things for which to be even more grateful.*

*Our lodge membership is holding steady as well. With this new year, I am hopeful for more membership involvement and higher attendance at lodge events, growth in our membership, as well as interesting and exciting ideas which embrace our Italian culture and heritage.*

*I would also like to say **benvenuti** to our newest members, Cyrus Revand and Jessica Russo-Revand, and Francesco and Dawn Falsinotti. We look forward to meeting you at upcoming lodge events and getting to know you as the year unfolds.*

*Our annual Festa di Natale was a terrific night of celebrating our lodge friendships. With 20+ well-behaved children in attendance and anticipating the yuletide visit from Babbo Natale, it could not help to be a joy to behold. I am so thankful for all of the efforts of our members who cleaned, set up and decorated the hall, re-cleaned and unset the hall, managed the delicious food preparation and serving, our gift-giving and wrapping “elves” and also to all of you for your generous spirit in donating Christmas gifts for the special children at the Hospital for Sick Children. **Ben fatto!***

*Con affetto!  
Coletta*

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**SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS**

January 11	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Chuy's Tex-Mex, Springfield, VA
January 14	White Elephant Sale	6:30 p.m.	St. Leo K of C Hall
January 18	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	George Mason Library
February 11	Casino Night	6:30 p.m.	St. Leo K of C Hall
February 15	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	George Mason Library
March TBD	Installation of Officers	TBD	TBD
June 2-3	35 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention	TBD	Hilton Richmond Hotel

## Fun Around Town

### Sunday, January 8:

Passatempo Cineforum Italiana, 6:00pm in Casa Italiana.

*La Dolce Vita* (the good life) is a 1960 Italian comedy-drama film directed and co-written by **Federico Fellini**. The film follows Marcello Rubini (**Marcello Mastroianni**), a journalist writing for gossip magazines, over seven days and nights on his journey through Rome in a fruitless search for love and happiness. It is a cautionary tale of a man without a center. The film is structured as a series of nights and dawns, of descents and ascents. *La Dolce Vita* won the *Palme d'Or* (Golden Palm) at the 1960 Cannes Film Festival and the Oscar for Best Costumes. This is one of the most critically acclaimed films of all time. The price is \$10.00. To learn more about this event, and to pay online, visit the Passatempo Meetup website, <https://www.meetup.com/passatempo/events/236023088/>

### Sunday, January 29:

AMHS General Society Meeting, 1:00pm in Casa Italiana.

On Sunday, January 29, 2017, at 1:00 pm come to Casa Italiana, for a presentation by Catherine Flumiani, “*Promoting the Italian Language - Italy’s Rich Heritage*”. Ms. Flumiani, the First Counselor of the Embassy of Italy, will talk to us about promoting the teaching of this beautiful, elegant language in the public and private schools in the U.S., and what the Italian government is doing to help in this regard, in cooperation with the teachers of Italian language and Italian-American associations. The lunch and presentation will be preceded by Society business (recognition of outgoing officers, installation of news officers) and remarks by Nicholas Rao, one of the AMHS/NIAF scholarship winners for the 2016-2017 academic years. There shall be a raffle with some wonderful prizes to benefit the AMHS Scholarship Fund. Lunch will be catered by Osteria da Nino, Shirlington, VA. We encourage you to pay online, at the AMHS website <https://www.abruzzomoliseheritagesociety.org/mission/events/#!event/2017/1/29/amhs-general-society-meeting> (online reservations close at 9:00pm on January 29). Only paid reservations will be accepted.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jessica Russo–Revand	Jan. 2
Arthur Moscatello	Jan. 4
Laura Strong	Jan. 7
Anthony Musco	Jan. 12
Frances Mazarella	Jan. 14
Michael DeMarco	Jan. 17
Albert Frappollo	Jan. 18
Alfred Michaelangelo	Jan. 22
Robert S. Ford	Jan. 23
Vincent G. Trobbiani	Jan. 27
Maria Ingham	Jan. 28

Buon  
Compleanno



## LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS



### JANUARY LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on January 11, 2017 at Chuys Tex-Mex Restaurant, located in Springfield Towne Center next to Maggiano's on Loisdale Road in Springfield, VA. Great food, always made to order from fresh ingredients. So come and join your fellow IHLers for a wonderful eating experience. Please let Dennis know if you plan to attend so he may include you in the reservation. Call at [703-354-2454](tel:703-354-2454) or email at [delillo1@verizon.net](mailto:delillo1@verizon.net).

**IHL Officers and Trustees:** A nominating committee was formed to determine a new slate of officers and trustees for the year 2017-2018. Over the next two months, new leadership will be voted on and the installation of new officers will occur sometime in March. Information regarding the installation dinner will be forwarded to all members as soon as possible. We appreciate the efforts of Dennis Lillo, Dot Saia and John Asiello, who spearheaded the nominating committee. If you have any questions regarding the process, please feel free to contact them.

**White Elephant Sale** -- Our yearly White Elephant Sale occurs right after Christmas, thus it is scheduled for **Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**, together with a pot luck dinner. 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 with proceeds going to our charities. Please start gathering anything unwanted – no need to price items as our auctioneers do a fantastic job of personalizing each item and making a sure sale!


**Casino Night, February 11<sup>th</sup>** -- Casino Night always draws a big crowd of poker players and high rollers, where once again IHL takes the opportunity to contribute the evening's proceeds to our three charities, Alzheimer's, Cooley's Anemia and Autism. However, there are winners all evening who pick from a large selection of prizes collected by our members and donated by our sponsors. **Now is the time to start visiting local businesses, friends or family who are in a position to make a donation of restaurant and store gift certificates, local services, gift baskets, wine, and such.** Please mark your calendars to join with your fellow members for a fun evening.



**Grand Lodge of Virginia 35<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention:** We now have confirmed information regarding the Grand Lodge of Virginia's 35<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention, to be held in Richmond, June 2-3, 2017. Information regarding hotel registration, meal registration forms, program booklet advertising and memorials, and signature pages is attached to this month's newsletter. Clear your calendar for the first weekend in June to attend the hospitality night (June 1<sup>st</sup>), Friday night dinner, Saturday lunch and Saturday evening banquet.

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