



JUNE 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cari amici,

Congratulations to the Italian Heritage Lodge as we celebrate our 35th Anniversary

Yes, the Italian Heritage Lodge was formed in 1981 and over these many years it has enjoyed the leadership of illustrious presidents and slates of officers, garnered awards for cultural and social activities and membership growth, hosted countless popular events and activities, sponsored successful charitable fundraisers, all the while preserving and promoting our Italian culture and heritage. All of this could not have happened without our members, past and present, who have formed a caring family, a fraternity most highly committed to serving our community and each other. You all have my highest respect for showing your "vero colori Italiani."

Although I was unable to attend the **Ladies' Night Pot Luck Dinner** on Saturday, May 14th, I understand from many reliable sources that the evening was great fun! I was elated to hear that our men really stepped up and provided delicious dinner selections as well as did clean up duty to give the ladies a well-deserved evening off. I am not really surprised, but very grateful the fellows showed a great amount of affection for the gals. As an added treat, Joe LaMarca and Roy Schender started off the evening serenading us with some of the most beautiful – and fun - Italian songs we love so much. Many of you felt the urge to croon a bit as well. Thanks Roy for providing the music and lyrics.

The **2016 Grand Lodge of Virginia Outreach Weekend** reached our goal for optimal attendees. It was a pleasure to see many of our members in attendance and I was especially grateful that Grand Lodge President Bob Amante and his wife, Beverly, attended along with our State Officers, Virginia Lodge Presidents, officers and members. My sincerest thanks to all those who dedicated themselves to the success of this event. Whether you did something great or small, every effort or suggestion was greatly appreciated. Our Lodge was proud to host the fun weekend to increase the friendships between our Virginia Lodges and deliver a program that was entertaining and enjoyable for everyone. I would like to thank the donors, whose items enhanced the silent auction gift baskets, guest gift bags and wine glasses: Blackthorne Inn, Gina Daddio Designs, Dennis Lillo, Giuseppe Verdi Lodge, Peninsula Italian American Lodge, George Washington Lodge, Italian Heritage Lodge, Italo-American Citizens Lodge, Roma Lodge, and David and Nancy Russell. And others generously made a donation or donated their tickets back to the event: Polly Moroni, Roy and Sandy Schender, Frank and Susan Bonsiero, and Gene and Carol LaColla. We were also pleased to meet one of our scholarship winners, William Nicholas Dale, who was accompanied by his parents. Kathy Drummond presented the scholarship awards to Mr. Dale, and to Danielle Orlandi and Jessica Knox in their absence.

Being the host lodge for such a busy and event filled weekend required tremendous dedication and devotion of time, effort and funds. I am very proud of all of our IHL members who stepped up to assist with so many of the details these past months and especially the final weekend. Your generosity and spirit shown through as we observed everyone enjoying the food, entertainment, and lodge fellowship.

A Presto!

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

June 15	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	George Mason Library
July 4	Independence Day Parade	10:00 AM	Fairfax City
August TBD	Peach Picking	TBD	TBD
September 11	Family Picnic	1:00 PM	St. Leo K of C Hall

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

LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Italian Language Meeting Group –Please let Carlo or Betsy Mignani mignani@cox.net know if you are interested in the language meetings.



2016 National Raffle - The Order Sons of Italy in America is having a 2016 National Raffle. A Grand Prize of \$15,000 and Five Second Prizes of \$1,000 each will be awarded in August. Tickets are \$50 each but can be split between several participants if desired. *Grazie* to all who purchased tickets. Raffle tickets will be available at our upcoming events– see your President to purchase. *Buona fortuna a tutti!*

JULY 4TH, 2016 – CITY OF FAIRFAX INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE - The annual lodge participation as a unit in the parade is one of the most enjoyable events on our calendar. This is the 10th consecutive year our members have walked and rode in the pleasant early morning summer weather to proudly represent our Italian-American heritage. This year again we would like a large participation of **adults and children (both family and friends)**. Because not all our members feel they have the health they need to participate in this outdoor event, we need EVERYONE who possibly can to be there to be there and to bring or send family members, friends, neighbors, and others you meet who would represent us well (whether of Italian heritage or not). Membership in the Italian Heritage Lodge is not required for this event. Our efforts in decorating our cars, wagons and truck showing off the colors of both Italy and the US, and greeting enthusiastic crowds is always in high gear. Our parade route is not too long and you will still be able to arrive home shortly after noon in time for BBQ's and cookouts with family and friends. **See the full details attached to this newsletter.**

We are indebted to Joe LaMarca and his team for once again arranging all of the details. Please feel free to email Joe, the official coordinator of the event, if you have any questions. Joe's cell phone and email address are located on the last page of the attachment. So please carefully read the information pages for meeting times and places, parking, dress, etc.

Please calendar also our upcoming summer events: **August Peach Picking** (TBD) and our **Annual Family Picnic, Sunday, September 11**. Look for more details and information in upcoming Newsletters about these very popular and fun events.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John Ingargiola	June 2
Sandy Schender	June 18
Sharon Hayman	June 20
Julie DiCerbo	June 21
Omero Sabatini	June 26



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Al & Laura Frappollo	June 2
Russell & Karen Marie DeRose	June 5
Fred & Maria Ingham	June 9
Walter & Camille Dougherty	June 10
John and Nancy Tariano	June 20
Salvatore & Diana Guli	June 22



INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

10 AM-NOON, MONDAY, JULY 4th, 2016, CITY OF FAIRFAX

INFO FOR ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE MEMBERS & GUESTS

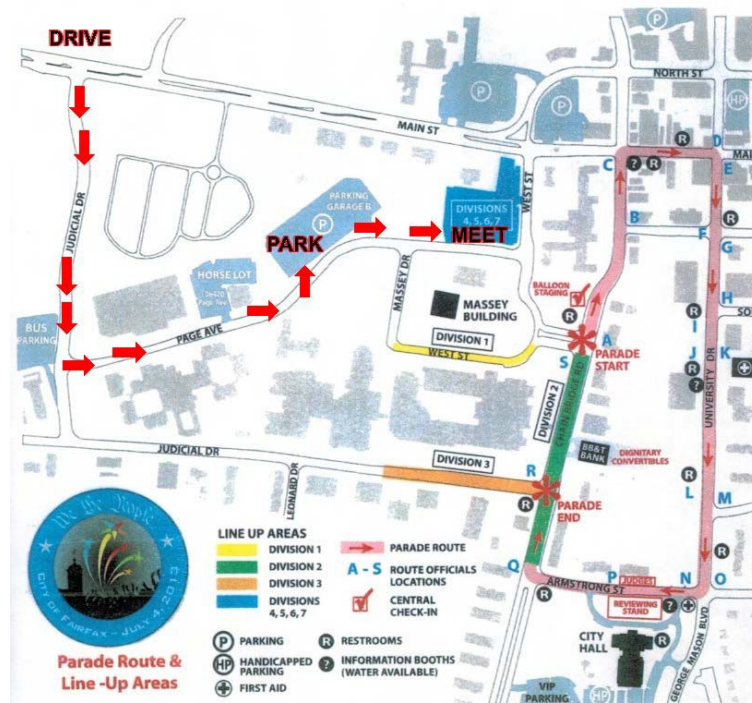
Note for those who participated last year: *The only change this year is that we will start and end a little earlier; thus, we will be in a different division and meet at a different position in the lot.*

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 tenth 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 your vehicle is **IN** the parade, you **MUST** be parked at the assemble point no later than **9 AM**. If you plan to walk or ride either on the truck generously donated by R.E. Electric or one of the convertibles, please arrive at 9 AM, as well, to help decorate the vehicles. Otherwise, please arrive by 10 AM. Expect traffic and detours on the way. If you're running late, come anyway, for we will likely join the procession around 10:30 AM.

Where: See map, below. Enter the area by turning 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. However, if you have a pass to drive your vehicle in the parade, bypass the parking garage, and follow the blue signs to the Divisions 4,5,6,7 outdoor parking lot parade assembly area, where you will be directed to our assigned parking spots. We will be in **Division 5, Position #510** this year. We will meet in the big outdoor parking lot, where we can enjoy seeing and meeting participants of many other parade units.



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Who: **You** are invited, as well as whomever 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 comprise a "unit" that would normally need to apply to the Fairfax parade committee to participate; in any case your invitees will represent our lodge, which in itself represents the Italian American community. Obviously, participants must not, in any way, 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, will 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 is normally 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. Moreover, the parade will be over by noon, theoretically before typical daily summer heat and showers begin. (No promises, of course 😊)

To view a video clip of our unit passing the reviewing stand last year, see <https://youtu.be/vzqUjRTJqYY?t=5201>. For photos of our unit in the nine prior years' parades, see the Photos page at <http://www.italianheritagelodge.org/>. 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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