



MARCH 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cari amici,

We held our bingo event on Saturday, February 13, 2016, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Although the attendance was not what we would have liked, twenty-two of our IHL members and friends braved the coldest night of the year to enjoy the finger foods provided and play some bingo. Our caller, Roy Schender, came up with a bingo app on his iPad that worked much better than our usual cage contraption. It really sped up the process of calling out the numbers and allowed us to play twice as many games as we usually do. So even though attendance was down we were able to generate \$190 in support of our charities. Thanks to all of you who provided the food and the prizes that were awarded to the lucky winners.

Our next event, the Installation of Officers ceremony, will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016, beginning at 4:00 PM at the K of C Hall behind St. Leo's Church. The ceremony will be preceded by a catered dinner at a cost of \$20 per person. You will need to let John Asiello know if you plan to attend. Further details concerning this event are at page 5 of this Newsletter. Once again, congratulations to all of the new IHL officers voted in at the January meeting for the 2016-2017 year. We thank them for stepping up to perform these necessary functions to keep our lodge operating for the coming year. Please make plans to join us to thank our outgoing officers for their service and to wish our incoming officers well.

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 the activities will occur on Saturday, June 4th, so be sure to save that date on your calendar so you can meet with members from the other Virginia lodges and enjoy the food and entertainment we are planning. Unless you're attending the state quarterly meeting on Sunday, which you are certainly welcome to do, it's all fun and games so try to attend if at all possible to help make this weekend a success.

Finally, on a personal note it was my honor to serve as president of the Italian Heritage Lodge for the past three years. I am happy to say that membership increased during my tenure, which contributed greatly to our winning the Merit Points Award for the State of Virginia for the period 2013-2015 at the last State Convention. Thanks to all of the IHL Council members who assisted me over the last three years and especially to Jo Lowe who is leaving the Council after many years of outstanding service. None of what we have achieved as an organization would have been possible without the dedicated service of these individuals to the IHL. I leave this position knowing that the organization will be in good hands with Colette Sciscilo taking over as our next president. Remember this is your organization and it is only as good as you make it by your help and participation in IHL events.

A Presto,

Dennis

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

| | | | |
|---------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mar. 12 | Installation of Officers | 4:00 PM | At K of C |
| Mar. 16 | Lunch Bunch | 12:00 Noon | At Chuy's Tex-Mex in Springfield |
| Mar. 16 | IHL Board Meeting | 7:00 PM | At George Mason Library |
| April | Lodge Event | TBD | TBD |
| May | Lodge Event | TBD | TBD |
| Jun. 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 for the date and location of the language group meeting.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Carol Goldstone March 5
Rosalie Alligood March 13
Carol La Colla March 20

David DiQuollo March 6
Dolores Marcinkowski March 18
Angelo Vecchio March 26



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

No IHL anniversaries but here are some famous ones:

Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash: 3/1/1968
Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis: 3/4/1952
Ernest Hemingway and Mary Welsh: 3/13/1946
John Lennon and Yoko Ono: 3/19/1969
Barbra Streisand and Elliott Gould: 3/20/1963
Billy Joel and Christie Brinkley: 3/22/1985
Clark Gable and Carole Lombard: 3/28/1939

MARCH LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Noon on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at Chuy's Tex-Mex Restaurant located near Maggiano's in the Springfield Town Center on Loisdale Road. It features some of the best Tex-Mex cuisine in the area. Chuy's, in business since 1978 starting in Austin, TX, creates all of its entrees from fresh ingredients. Let Dennis know if you plan to attend. Call at 703-354-2454 or email at delillo1@verizon.net so he can include you in the reservation.

Below are Lodge Elected officers for 2016-2017 Fraternal Year:

| | <u>2014/2015</u> | 2015/2016 | 2016/2017 |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| <u>President:</u> | Dennis Lillo | Dennis Lillo | Nicolette Sciscilo |
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| <u>Sentinel:</u> | Kevin Brady | Sal Guli | Sal Guli |
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Joint Installation of Officers - Ceremony & Dinner

March 12, 2016

George Washington Lodge – Italian Heritage Lodge

Please come to the Joint Installation of officers of the Italian Heritage and the George Washington Lodges as we have done in the past several years. This year we are going to have the Installation Ceremony at the K of C Hall and have a wonderful catered dinner.

Please, plan to attend to be installed, to participate or to support your outgoing and incoming Officers.

Place: K of C Hall (Behind St. Leo's Church)
Old Lee Highway
Fairfax, VA

Date: March 12, 2016

Time: 4:00 PM Arrive and Social Beglns
4:45 PM Introductions, Pledge Allegiance, Blessing Before Dinner
5:00 PM Dinner Starts (Buffet Line Open)
6:30 PM Installation of Officers Ceremony Starts
7:30 PM Ceremony Completed

Menu: Insalata
Italian Bread
Lasagna
Chicken Marsala
Penne Pasta
Eggplant Parmigiana

Desserts: Mini Cannoli, Biscotti and Pizelles

Beverages: Coffee, Teas, Sodas, Wine

Cost: \$20.00 per Adult, \$10.00 Children 6-12, 5 and under- Free
(Includes: Tax, Gratuity)

RSVP: George Washington Lodge Members: Alice Ess – 703 360-8853
Italian Heritage Lodge Members: Laura Strong - 703 942-6323

Note: Please let Laura know if you are bringing children as they will receive a discount and those 6 and younger are free.



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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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