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Newsletter of:

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



NOVEMBER 2016 / PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carissimi amici,

Let me extend my thanks first to our members who are always cheerfully present in the early morning hours to clean, prep and set up the hall for our monthly events. I am indebted to those fellows who assist and indulge me while I give thankless directions! Secondly, I wish to thank Omero Sabatini for his well-received presentation of *Promise of Fidelity* which he authored and published as a translation of Italy's most beloved novel *I Promessi Sposi*. I was also pleased to see that several books were sold while Omero was on hand to personally autograph them. We have a true scholar in our midst and we are grateful for his efforts to sustain our interest in Italian culture and literature.

BINGO NIGHT !!! A slight change in scheduling affords us the chance to host Bingo Night on **Saturday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This is traditionally a fun filled evening, with a great variety of finger foods, drinks and desserts, and cash and other prizes. This year the **black-out final game prize will be a donated 20 lb. turkey (or gift certificate) and a basket of trimmings to accompany it.** Please bring finger foods or desserts. Donations for prizes (wine, candy, etc.) are appreciated. Contact John Asiello by email at jfasiello@aol.com if you have questions regarding the evening's details. I hope to see many of you there!



December 3rd Annual Christmas Party - Yes, believe it! It is time already to make plans to attend our annual Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** Very detailed information is included in this Newsletter so please read it carefully and contact John or Laura Asiello if you have questions.

Walk-A-Thon - *Grazie mille* to all who attended our Walk-A-Thon for our charities and for giving me the chance to spend my birthday with friends doing something worthwhile and beneficial for our community. We were able to add to our total as well as take in a short but brisk walk and enjoy a very filling and delicious lunch at Sushi On! We will have an update at our November meeting and event but please remember that contribution forms are still available as the opportunity to raise money for Autism, Alzheimer's and Cooley's Anemia does not cease with one event. Thank you all for your support!

A presto!
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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

November 12	Bingo Night Food Pantry Drive ECHO Christmas Basket	6:30 PM	St. Leo K of C Hall
November 16	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	George Mason Library, Annandale
November 17	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Maggiano's Springfield
December 3	Christmas Party ECHO Christmas Basket	6:00 PM	St. Leo K of C Hall
June 1, 2017	35 th Biennial Convention	TBD	TBD

LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS



A Message from our Orator, Dot Saia - It is time to think of the less fortunate during the holidays. As in the past, I will be around with my “*Christmas Basket*” at the November and December lodge meetings to collect money for needy families in our area. The names of these families are provided to me from ECHO, Ecumenical Community Helping Others. Each of these families will receive a \$50.00 Giant gift card to help with their Christmas dinner. The number of families we can help depends on your generosity. *Thank You, Dot Saia*

NOVEMBER LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on Thursday, November 17th, 2016 at Maggiano's Italian Restaurant, located in the Springfield Towne Center on Loisdale Road, Springfield, VA. Maggiano's is known for its generous portions and outstanding selections of Italian specialties. They usually have lunch specials that allow you to take home a second entree. 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.

House of Mercy Food Pantry Drive – With very little advertisement last year, our lodge generously donated a good amount of food to the House of Mercy Food Pantry. I would like our lodge to participate once again in assisting the families who are served by House of Mercy to build up their food pantry, especially during the coming holidays. If you are able to, please bring in any non-perishable canned, dry or packaged food item, such as rice, macaroni, beans, vegetables, and the like. They can be placed in the baskets at November’s Bingo Night and meeting.

Last month I directed your attention to the Grand Lodge of Virginia’s Scholarship opportunities. In the event you did not see or read the Sons of Italy (SIF) information regarding their scholarships as well, here are more details: “the SIF National Leadership Grants will be available online starting mid-November. Scholarship information can be downloaded on <http://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php>. The deadline for applications is February 28, 2017. Every year the SIF awards 10 to 12 scholarships that assist outstanding Italian-American students with their college and graduate studies. The grants include Study in Italy awards. They range from \$4,000 to \$25,000. If you have questions, contact Laura Kelly at the Sons of Italy national headquarters in Washington, D.C. Phone: (202) 547-2900 or email: scholarships@osia.org”

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jeffery Hayman	11/4
Kenneth Linder	11/18
Joanne Reed	11/19
Anthony Finocchiaro	11/20



*Buon
Compleanno*



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Anthony & Kathi Gelona	November
Dennis & Eleanor Lillo	11/26
Steven & Ann Lipton	11/30

- 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 CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 3, 2016



This year's Christmas party will be Saturday evening, December 3, 2016. Due to the extended length of the program and the young age of the primary audience, the social will begin at 6:00 PM. The program will include a visit from La Befana and presentation of the La Befana story. There will also be a guest from the North Pole.

The younger attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the La Befana presentation. These members and guests are asked to bring their creative, dramatic, and oratorical energy—talent not required.

IMPORTANT: It is especially important that you call in your reservation since Santa Claus will be making a surprise visit with a present for each child 12 and under. Members who are bringing children 12 and under are asked to call John or Laura Asiello at 703-321-7840 or email jfasiello@aol.com to provide the name, gender, and age of the child, no later than November 26, 2016. This will give Santa time to select a gift for each child.

POTLUCK: The meal will be the traditional pot luck, with a focus on entrees or side dishes that will feed at least 6 to 8 people as there is usually a large turnout for this meeting. Anyone wanting to bring something additional can bring a dessert or appetizer.

GIVE A GIFT: In keeping with the giving spirit of the holiday, members have the opportunity to participate in the following: each child or any other member or guest attending the meeting is invited to bring and place under the tree an unwrapped gift costing not more than \$10.00. Please put a tag on it indicating appropriate age and gender. The hospital, where the gifts will be taken, has requested that the gifts not be wrapped as they cannot give the children gifts without inspecting them. The gifts brought to the party will be taken to the Hospital for Sick Children on December 14th or 15th. Anyone interested in accompanying these gifts to the hospital should contact John Asiello at 703-321-7840. Children are especially welcome to help take these gifts to children less fortunate.

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