



# La Bandiera

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



APRILE 2018  
MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA  
**BUONA PASQUA**

*Cari amici,*

*Congratulazioni e auguri! Congratulations to all of our newly-installed council members, trustees and officers. With many hours of planning and preparation to bring a wonderful dinner and ceremony to GW and IHL lodge members, it was certainly a success. It was a pleasure to host our GLVA President Bob Amante and First Lady Beverly Amante and we greatly appreciate their company for the social hour and dinner as well as presiding over the ceremony. This lodge is blessed with a terrific, dedicated group of members who work diligently and above the call of duty, with their talents, ideas, and most of all their joy of serving you. There are too many to name, but please know how grateful I am to all of you for your hard work and sacrifices. *Un lavoro ben fatto!* I would especially like to thank Judy McCloskey and Vita Bella Properties for sponsoring our Installation programs again this year. I have posted a few pictures at the end of the Newsletter and want to thank Ellie Lillo for her photographic assistance.*

*Plans for the second annual Festa della Repubblica, scheduled for Saturday evening, June 9<sup>th</sup> are briskly underway. This festa celebrates the Italian national holiday commemorating the institutional referendum of 1946 when Italy became a Republic. When a flyer is available I will add it to the Newsletter, but here is the information so far:*

**Date:** June 9, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Place:** Church of the Nativity, Burke

**\*\*Catered Dinner\*\***

**\*\*Guest Speakers\*\***

**\*\* Music/Entertainment\*\***

*The Festa della Repubblica is a community effort between the Italian heritage groups in the Northern Virginia area: Italian Heritage Lodge/OSDIA, Italian Heritage & Cultural Society of Church of the Nativity, St. Mary of Sorrows Italian Heritage Society and the Abruzzo & Molise Heritage Society. You will note that the Festa takes place on the evening of June 9<sup>th</sup> after our Bocce event. I would like to invite you all to make the entire day a celebration of our Italian culture and heritage and participate in both events if possible.*

*Sono felice di dare il benvenuto al nostro nuovo socio Loretta D'Amico. Spero che avremo tutti la possibilità di incontrarlo presto!*

*Welcome to our newest member, Loretta D'Amico. Loretta has been a guest at some of our recent events but I hope that, if you have not already met her, you will have the occasion to enjoy her company soon!*

*Con affetto!  
Coletta*



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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

*April 1*

*BUONA PASCQUA*

April 11	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Jaipur Royal Indian Cuisine 9401 Lee Highway, Fairfax
April 14	Monthly meeting and event	6:30 P.M.	Bingo Night
April 18	Council Meeting	5:30 P.M.	Dinner & Meeting Home of Lillo's (RSVP requested)
May	Lunch Bunch	Noon	TBD
May 12	Monthly meeting and event	11:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M.	Italian Car Show Nottoway Park, Vienna, VA Lunch at <i>Pazzo Pomodoro</i> , Vienna, VA
May 16	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale

June 9	Bocce at Lillo's	Noon – 4 P.M.	Home of the Lillo's Alexandria, VA
June 9	Festa della Repubblica	6:00 – 9:00 P.M.	Church of the Nativity, Burke
June	Lunch Bunch	Noon	TBD
June 20	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
July 4	City of Fairfax Parade	9:00 A.M.	City of Fairfax
December 15	Festa di Natale	6:00 P.M.	Knight of Columbus Hall

## *Buon Compleanno*

### *APRIL BIRTHDAYS*

Anthony Gelona	April 1
Susan Bonsiero	April 3
Carlo Mignani	April 3
Teresa Scafetta	April 5
Marianne Hallahan	April 15
Fred Ingham	April 29
Frank Marcinkowski, Jr.	April 29



*Buon Anniversario !*



### *APRIL ANNIVERSARIES*

Joe & Renee Signorelli	April 5
Armando & Elizabetta Lazarte	April 10

## LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### APRIL LUNCH BUNCH

*The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at noon at Jaipur Royal Indian Cuisine at 9401 Lee Highway, #105 (at Circle Towers), Fairfax. Jaipur serves a reasonably priced buffet with many excellent entrees. Please come and join your fellow IHL members for lunch. Call Dennis at 703-354-2454 or email him at [delillo1@verizon.net](mailto:delillo1@verizon.net) if you plan to attend.*

*Our April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and event will feature BINGO!! Roy will once again "call our numbers" and prizes of wine, cash and gift cards will be awarded to game winners. Please bring substantial finger foods or desserts to share with members and guests. Wine and beverages will be provided. Games are \$1.00 for a sheet of three games and you can purchase as many sheets as you wish.*

***Please note the new date for our May gathering. \*\*\*\* May 12<sup>th</sup> \*\*\*\****

*Since last May we dedicated a special evening to the ladies of our lodge, this May we would like to honor our fellows, and all who love vintage and modern Italian cars, so we will be attending the Concorso Italian DC, Italian Car Show. All those interested in attending, we will meet at Nottoway Park in Vienna, VA at 11:00 a.m. (the start of the car show) and proceed to lunch at 1:00 p.m. at Pazzo Pomodoro, 118 Branch Road, SE, Vienna. Pazzo Pomodoro is 1.9 miles from Nottoway Park.*

*There are no admission costs for the car show, unless you are entering an Italian car!*

*For more information on the car show go to <https://www.dccitaliancarshow.com/>  
The Lunch Bunchers visited Pazzo Pomodoro last year and left with rave reviews.*

*The food and atmosphere are fantastico!*

*We must make a reservation for lunch, so please contact VP Dawn to let her know if you will be attending.*

*The Italian Language Group held their get-together as scheduled on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. As soon as more details about April's meet up group are available to me, I will forward them to all members.*

An IHL donation was made to the *San Francisco Nativity Academy of Houston* in Tony Musco's name for his work as our Santa again this past December. The school serves grades pre-K3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are academically behind their more affluent peers and empowers low-income students to reach their full potential through a challenging curriculum and spiritual development. Thank you Tony for your guidance and generosity.

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