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



FEBBRAIO 2018 MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

Cari amici,

At our January meeting, Vice President Dawn Falsinotti made an exciting announcement that Italian Heritage Lodge now has a Facebook page! Now, together with our website, you will be able to get current information about upcoming events, view pictures of recent events and get up to the minute news. So please "friend" us on Facebook at : Italian Heritage Lodge – Fairfax. Thanks Dawn for taking the time to set us up for more visibility in our community.

January's meeting and White Elephant Sale was once again a very fun evening for our members and guests. Great food and a delicious signature drink rounded out a spirited evening of giving, where our auctioneers, June and Roy - you know they are famous now – lived up to their reputations as artful deal makers. Thank you to all who came early for preparation, donated all those great items, and those who stayed into the evening to assist with the clean up. I think many of us are spoiled with the anticipation of this enjoyable evening each year.

This leads right into another popular occasion and annual fundraiser, Casino Night! In just a handful of days, on February 10th, we will gather again at the Knights of Columbus Hall to try our luck at stud poker, black jack, Beat the Dealer and more. I am very pleased to announce that this year we will have brand new game boards, crafted and created by Mac Farrell (a.k.a. Santa's Elf). Ladies, these are not just games for the gents, so come to play AND win. Speaking of winning, your admission costs to play are contributed to our three charities, Alzheimer's, Autism and Cooley's Anemia, but winning prizes are donated by local restaurants, services, stores and businesses. Many thanks to all who have been visiting their favorite stores and restaurants for gift cards and gift certificates. These local services, businesses and restaurants are extremely generous to IHL. We are blessed to have many long-standing sponsors and benefactors and it is always helpful to find new friends who will help with this fundraiser which benefits our charities. Other likely items for donation are gift baskets, wine, candy, etc. A letter is provided at the end of this Newsletter for sponsors who wish to contribute but require confirmation of their donation, along with all information. If possible, please let Eleanor Lillo (703-354-2454) know that you have obtained a prize so she can have it logged in prior to Casino Night. This will be another "finger food" event with wine, beverages and the evening's "Signature Drink" provided. Some suggestions for food items are antipasti meats, cheeses, olives, peperoncini, Italian meat sandwiches, caponata, caprese salad, stuffed mushrooms, melon and prosciutto, crusty Italian bread, and the like, as well as dolci italiani, AND an appetite for fun!

January was a big month for Tony Musco. Not only did he celebrate his 92nd birthday, but his celebration came just days before he underwent heart valve replacement surgery. I am told Tony is doing well, gaining strength and back to enjoying life! Sara Peroni who turned 101 on January 30th needs our prayers as she was just admitted to the hospital for congestive heart failure and the flu. Her granddaughter and also an IHL member, Robin, is asking for prayers for Sara as she faces these challenges.

*Con affetto!
Coletta*

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

<i>February 10</i>	Casio Night	6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
<i>February 13</i>	Lunch Bunch	12:00 Noon	The Esposito's Restaurant 9917 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax
<i>February 14</i>	♥ <i>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY</i> ♥		
<i>February 21</i>	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
<i>February 24</i>	Italian Language Group	5:30 P.M.	Home of the Ognibene's
<i>March 10</i>	Dinner & Installation Of Officers	4:00 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
<i>March 14</i>	Lunch Bunch	12:00 Noon	TBD
<i>March 18</i>	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 A.M.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
<i>March 21</i>	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale

<i>March 24</i>	Italian Language Group	5:30 P.M.	Home of the Linder's
April 14	Monthly meeting and event	TBD	TBD
May 5	Monthly meeting and event	TBD	TBD
June 9	Bocce at Lillo's	TBD	Alexandria, VA
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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Charles Gioglio	February 11
Roy Schender	February 12
Mario Sacco	February 13
Dot Saia	February 17
Diana Guli	February 24
Mary Gioglio	February 25
Gene LaColla	February 28



Buon Anniversario !

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



John & Laura Asiello	February 17
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LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at The Esposito's Restaurant, 9917 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax. Since it's opening in 1982, Esposito's has been a family tradition in Fairfax. It was the first Italian restaurant in the area to introduce an authentic wood burning pizza oven and where pasta is still made daily on the premises. So come and join your fellow IHLers for a fresh eating experience. Please let Dennis know if you plan to attend so he may include you in the reservation. Call him at 703-354-2454 or email him at delillo1@verizon.net

The Italian Language Group returns after a short respite, so if you are looking for a social evening filled with Italian language and culture please join us! Members and non-members are welcome to meet up with us on the fourth Saturday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Our first meeting of the New Year will be February 24th at the home of Peter and Kathleen Ognibene. Please contact Pete for their home address at pjsmart@aol.com

Fundraising – Financial Secretary, Dot Saia, has provided us with 2017 year-end totals for our fundraising and contributions. Our lodge is so very generous to our community and you deserve much thanks for your efforts, kindness and thoughtful consideration of the charities we support.

<i>Casino Night contributions for Alzheimer's, Autism & Cooley's Anemia</i>	<i>\$365.00</i>
<i>San Francisco Nativity Academy</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>House of Mercy Food Pantry Thanksgiving food drive (value of food)</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>ECHO Christmas dinner gift cards</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>
<i>Hospital for Sick Children (value of Christmas toys)</i>	<i>\$710.00</i>
<i>Walk-A-Thon contributions for Alzheimer's, Autism & Cooley's Anemia</i>	<i>\$665.00</i>

The Election of Lodge Officers for 2018-2019

Thank you to our nominating committee for their work in solidifying our slate of officers and trustees for the coming year. I am pleased to announce that all officers, committee chairs and MC's have made the commitment to continue serving on our council. We will round out our trustees to five, adding Marianne Hallahan, who is also currently serving as a Trustee for the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and will also welcome a new trustee – Joe Cardinale. Joe and his wife Sharon joined our lodge in 2016 and we appreciate him stepping in to fill this position.

MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR
and come to meet, dine with and congratulate your lodge officers:

*March 10, 2018 – Installation Dinner and Ceremony
Jointly held with George Washington Lodge
Robert Amante, President, Grand Lodge of Virginia, Presiding*

Our Council members are putting together a wonderful social for the occasion of our installation of officers for 2018-2019. President and First Lady, Bob and Beverly Amante, of the Grand Lodge of Virginia are our guests for the evening as they preside over the ceremony. We will also hold the installation once again jointly with the George Washington Lodge. Information is at the end of this Newsletter on two separate flyers regarding date, time, costs and reservations.

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“CASINO NIGHT”

February 10, 2018

The February lodge meeting will feature a “Casino” evening.

To be successful, the following are required:

1. **PLAY AND INVITE OTHERS TO PLAY:** We need full participation by our membership for this Charitable Fund Raising event. The more that play the greater the Fun and the greater the Funds collected for Charity. Admission is \$10.00 in real money from each individual in exchange for \$50.00 in play money to bankroll gaming for the evening. Additional \$5.00 packets of play money will be available during the evening. I know that all our dealers will be very customer friendly and you will have a great time so don't miss it. **You may want to invite friends or potential members to this fun event which will help to increase our financial success.** At the conclusion of the games, winners, in the order of their winnings, will select their winning prizes.

2. **GET GIFT CERTIFICATES:** We hope to have some of our favorite restaurants donate dinner certificates; however, we ask that each lodge member donate a special item that can also be provided as a prize for the winners' choosing.

I have included a two-page information sheet that can be used by you to contact restaurants and other businesses that you patronize to seek a gift certificate for the event. **PLEASE PRINT AS MANY AS YOU CAN USE.**

3. **BRING FINGER FOOD TO SHARE:** Finally, we will start and continue the evening with finger food snacks and beverages so that people can munch as they move around the gaming tables. A waitress will be available for beverage service so no need to leave the gaming tables.

“DON'T MISS THIS FUN FILLED EVENING – BRING FRIENDS AND RELATIVES TO THIS FUNDRAISER FOR COOLEY'S ANEMIA, ALZHEIMER'S, AUTISM AND LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS”





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January 1, 2018

**John F. Asiello Jr. Chairman,
Italian Heritage Lodge - Special Events
5306 Inverchapel Road
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Subject: Request for Gift Certificate

Dear Management,

On behalf of the Officers and members of the Italian Heritage Lodge #2517 Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, we would like to request your support of our fundraising event for charity.

Our annual “Casino Night” fundraising event this year will be held on February 10, 2018. Last year the event was a huge success and we awarded “Gift Certificates” from restaurants and establishments as prizes which helped this to be a major financially rewarding charitable venture.

Our targeted charities for this year are Alzheimer’s disease, Cooley’s Anemia, Autism and Local Scholarships. It will be rewarding for you to know that 100% of all monies collected will go directly to these charities.

Support from our sponsors is the major reason for our organization’s financial ability to give generously to these charities and our members have been asked to patronize our sponsors, both verbally and in our published Newsletter *La Bandiera*.

We hope that you will provide a “Gift Certificate” in support of our Charities. One of our members will be contacting you soon should you desire to participate this year.

We thank you in advance for your generosity,

**Coletta Sciscilo
President
(703) 795-2231**

**John F. Asiello Jr.
Chairman, Special Events
(703) 321-7840**

CHARITY EVENT

Sponsored by the
Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America
Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517

Enjoy yourself at our next fun event

“CASINO NIGHT”



Saturday February 10, 2018

Join us and have a great time playing our variation of CASINO games:
Stud Poker, Over & Under, Black Jack, Beat the Dealer and more.

**REMEMBER WE USE “PLAY MONEY” AND WINNERS RECEIVE GIFTS donated
by members and local businesses.**

This is a “Finger food event” fare, so bring your favorite hors d’oeuvres, finger food,
cheese & crackers, and desserts.

The Lodge will have wine, soda, coffee, tea, hot chocolate,
and the evening’s Signature Drink.

**Where: Knights of Columbus Hall behind to St Leo’s Church
3700 Old Lee Highway in Fairfax.**

**Time: 6:30 PM - Games will start as soon as guests are ready
and then the real Fun begins.**

**Admission: \$10.00 minimum donation for \$50.00 in Play Money
(Purchase more as desired)**

**Charities: 100% of the proceeds support our charities such as
Alzheimer’s, Cooley’s Anemia, Autism and
Local Scholarships Programs.**

PLEASE COME AND BRING A FRIEND



Please join us in wishing our new officers "Buona Fortuna"!

George Washington Lodge #2038
and
Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517
Joint Installation of Officers
Dinner & Ceremony



Saturday, March 10, 2018
Knights of Columbus Hall
St. Leo's Catholic Church
3700 Old Lee Highway
Fairfax, Virginia

4:00 PM – Arrival and Social Begins
5:00 PM – Dinner Catered by Ciao Osteria
6:30 PM – Joint Installation of Officers Ceremony
Robert Amante, President, Grand Lodge of Virginia, Presiding
7:30 PM – Conclusion of Ceremony

Event Cost: \$20.00 per person,
\$10.00 Children 6-12; Free to children 5 and under

RSVP: George Washington Lodge Members: Alice Ess (703) 360-8853
Italian Heritage Lodge Members: Eleanor Lillo (703) 354-24
delillo1@verizon.net, 5104 Colebrook Place, Alexandria, VA 22312
RSVP by March 4th



*2018 - 2019 Joint Installation of Officers Ceremony & Dinner
George Washington Lodge & Italian Heritage Lodge*

Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018

Location: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
3700 Old Lee Highway
Fairfax, Virginia
Knights of Columbus Hall (behind the Church)

Time: 4:00 PM – Arrival and Social Begins
4:45 PM - Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance,
Blessing before Dinner,
5:00 PM – Dinner (Buffet Line open)
6:30 PM – Installation of Officers Ceremony Begins
7:30 PM – Conclusion of Ceremony

Menu: Catered by Executive Chef Antonino Di Nicola
Ciao Osteria, Centreville, VA
Eggplant Parmigiana ~ Lasagna
Chicken Marsala ~ Insalata
Pane e burro

Desserts: Éclairs and Cream Puffs

Beverages: Vino, Sodas, Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$20.00 per adult; \$10 for children ages 6 – 12;
free for children ages 5 and under

RSVP: Reservations must be made by March 4th

George Washington Lodge Members:

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