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Newsletter of:

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

GENNAIO 2018

MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

Felice Anno Nuovo 2018

Cari amici,

Festa di Natale – Our Festa di Natale was once again quite successful, bringing together many of our members to celebrate the season of Christmas with family, relatives and friends. Our children were quite excited for the visit from “Babbo Natale”, with songs and stories, gifts and goodies too. Pictures of the Festa are included in this Newsletter. I am very, very grateful for our crew who worked so hard in preparation for this festa – the pre-cleaning, set up and decorating of the hall, the food preparation and serving (including homemade eggnog and so many of your delicious Italian dishes), the gift-giving and wrapping “elves,” Santa and his two cheery elves, and those who stayed to tear down and clean the hall. The gifts under the tree were quite symbolic of our lodge’s generosity for those special children at the Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, D.C. Much appreciation goes to Dennis and Ellie Lillo for delivering the gifts to some very grateful and happy children. What a terrific night to celebrate our lodge friendships and renew our spirit of charity towards one another! Grazie mille!

If you take a look at our calendar of upcoming meetings and events, you will see the White Elephant Sale is scheduled for January 13 as the spirit of giving continues into the New Year. Always a fun evening for our members and guests, start setting aside your old, new, slightly used items, items you no longer need or want, or have been replaced by the latest model, or things you are just happy to pass onto others, to be auctioned. No need to price things as our very fun and capable auctioneers know just how to strike a deal. This will be a “finger food” event with wine and beverages 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! The tradition of the White Elephant Sale has long been to benefit our lodge and therefore we all look forward to its success.

Our very popular Casino Night will take place on February 10th. Thank you to all who have already taken the opportunity while out and about Christmas shopping to stop in for gift cards and gift certificates from your local stores, businesses and restaurants. Other likely items for donation are gift baskets, wine, candy, etc. 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. A letter is provided at the end of this Newsletter for sponsors who wish to contribute but require confirmation of their donation. More information will follow in the February Newsletter but mark your calendars now and invite your friends for CASINO NIGHT, Saturday, February 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Our dear member Jo Lowe is patiently recovering from her car accident and I know all of us wish her a speedy return to good health so that she can join us in future events. I would like you all to join me in wishing most wonderful birthday celebrations to our two oldest members – Tony Musco who will be 92 on January 12th and Sara Peroni who will turn 101 on January 30th. I ask that you keep them in your prayers for good health throughout this coming year and that we continue to find joy in their friendships. Cent anni!

Con affetto!
Coletta

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Marianne Hallahan, Trustee

SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

<i>January 1, 2018</i>		<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Felice Anno Nuovo!</i>
<i>January 10</i>	Lunch Bunch	12:00 Noon	Chuy's Mex-Tex Restaurant Springfield Towne Center
<i>January 13</i>	White Elephant Sale	6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
<i>January 17</i>	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
<i>January 27</i>	Italian Language Group	5:30 P.M.	Home of the LaMarca's
<i>February 10</i>	Casio Night	6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
<i>February 14</i>	Lunch Bunch	12:00 Noon	TBD

<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

Buon Compleanno

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jessica Russo-Revand	January 2
Art Moscatello	January 4
Dawn Falsinotti	January 5
Laura Strong	January 7
Tony Musco	January 12
Frances Mazarella	January 14
Michael DeMarco	January 17
Al Frappollo	January 18
Laurie Gwaltney	January 22
Fred Michaelangelo	January 22
Vincent Trobbiani	January 27
Maria Ingham	January 28
Sara Peroni	January 30



LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at Chuy's Tex-Mex Restaurant, located in Springfield Towne Center next to Maggiano's on Loisdale Road in Springfield. Great food, always made to order from fresh ingredients. 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 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 January 27th at the home of June and Joe La Marca. Please contact Joe or June for their home address at jlamarca@erols.com or june@junelamarca.com

Fundraising – As no council meeting was held in December, an accounting of the various donations IHL sponsored throughout this quarter will be given in next month's Newsletter. This year, as in past years, our lodge has been very generous to our charities, community outreach and other organizations.

The Election of Lodge Officers for 2018-2019

The Lodge will elect officers early next year for the 2018-2019 term. The following timetable is set out in the Lodge's By-Laws for the election of officers:

November, 2017 – The President appointed three members to serve on the Nominating Committee: Dennis Lillo (Chairman), Marianne Hallahan and Sal Guli

December, 2017 – The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall report the nominations from the Committee. (No nominations can be made from the floor at this meeting.)

January, 2018 – The January Newsletter will carry the results of the Nominating Committee. Members may nominate from the floor at the January lodge meeting.

February, 2018 – Elections are held – no more nominations are permitted except in the case of withdraw.

March, 2018 – The newly elected officers are installed.

Any lodge members interested in serving on the Italian Heritage Lodge council for this period please notify a member of the Nominating Committee of your desire to serve on the council for the 2018-2019 term .



Festa di Natale

December 2017

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January 1, 2018

**John F. Asiello Jr. Chairman,
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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,

**John F. Asiello Jr.
Chairman, Special Events
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