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



NOVEMBRE 2017 MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

Cari amici,

This past month we enjoyed much success with our annual family picnic. Despite a small threat of rain, the picnic was extremely well attended and included guests and members of the Italian Heritage and Cultural Society of Church of the Nativity and the Italian Heritage Society of St. Mary of Sorrows. Their respective leadership, Lucio d'Andrea and Julie Klosky, were gracious in their commitment to bring our area groups together for the first of these such events. So many of you volunteered your morning and day-long efforts – your service to the lodge is appreciated and I am very grateful. John Asiello once again did a tremendous job at coordinating all details of the picnic, not to mention making the sausage and peppers, which were worthy of much praise. Please accept my thanks to all those who set up, cooked and grilled, cleaned up and manned the welcome/check-in table. All of these tasks are formidable when putting on a large gathering and such a commitment is always necessary for success. Grazie mille!

Our November meeting will be Saturday, November 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the K of C Hall. Our feature for this evening will be "Pizza & Movie Night". Pizza will be provided by Paisano's just prior to the showing of "Moonstruck". Dessert will include homemade Apple Crisp and ice cream, homemade Biscotti and Pumpkin Latte! The cost for attending will be only a donation to our House of Mercy Food Pantry – our traditional Thanksgiving charity drive. The food pantry will accept canned, packaged or boxed food only but please be generous. Dinner will be from 6:30 – 7:15 with the prompt showing of the movie. We will need a count for the purpose of ordering pizza, so RSVP to Dawn or Colette.

Please read the two flyers at the end of this Newsletter regarding the Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser and our annual Festa di Natale, to be held on December 9th. We are getting close to our goal for our charities – \$510 has been collected so far – but I would love to pass our 2016 contributions of \$810. I am challenging all members to contribute any amount – as small or large as you can to Alzheimer's, Autism or Cooley's Anemia. My grateful thanks to those who have generously contributed so far. Stay tuned for the final count – all money is due in to Dennis/Ellie by December 15th. Put the annual Festa di Natale on your calendars now. Last year our expectations were exceeded in terms of attendance and enjoyment and I have no doubt it will be repeated this year.

Please keep in your prayers our friend and President of the George Washington Lodge, Kathy Drummond. Last week, Kathy fell and broke her hip requiring partial hip replacement surgery. She is now in Fairfax Hospital recovering and will also do her rehabilitation there. She expects to be in Fairfax Hospital until at least mid-November. Kathy is resting comfortably and I will let you know when I have been advised she can receive calls or visitors.

*Con affetto!
Coletta*

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

<i>November 4</i>	A. Litteri Italian Store & lunch at The Italian Store	9:30 A.M.	517 Morse St. NE, Wash. DC 5837 Washington Blvd., Arlington
<i>November 6</i>	Lunch Bunch	12:00 Noon	Pan Am Family Restaurant 3051 Nutley Street, Fairfax
<i>November 11</i>	Monthly Meeting, Pizza & Movie Night Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive Annual ECHO Fundraiser	<i>VETERANS DAY</i> 6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
<i>November 15</i>	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
<i>November 23</i>		<i>THANKSGIVING DAY</i>	
<i>December 3</i>	Grand Lodge of Virginia Quarterly Meeting	11:00 A.M.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge

December 9

Festa di Natale
Annual ECHO Fundraiser

6:00 P.M.

Knights of Columbus Hall

December 20

No December Council Meeting

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*Buon
Compleanno*

Judith Palmiotto 11/6
Keith Linder 11/18
Joanne Reed 11/19



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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Francesco & Dawn Falsinotti 11/5
Dennis & Eleanor Lillo 11/26
Steve & Anne Lipton 11/30
Anthony & Kathi Gelona

LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

As an added event this month, we are putting together a day trip into Washington, D.C. to visit - and shop - at *A. Litteri Italian Market*. This **Saturday, November 4th** we will meet at 9:30 a.m. at TJ Maxx, 10300 Main Street, Fairfax to carpool into D. C. If you prefer to go directly to A. Litteri, the address is 517 Morse Street, N.E., Washington, D. C. A. Litteri is a third-generation old-school Italian grocery store and deli tucked away among the warehouses of the Florida Market. It's been rated as one of the world's best wine stores and its patrons have enjoyed 80+ years of a "true taste of Italy." Directly after returning from our trip into D.C., we are planning lunch at The Italian Store in Arlington. See the calendar of events for this address. If you are interested in joining our group, please let Dawn or Colette know so we will be sure to add you to the carpool.

Attenzione: Joe LaMarca informs me 1) our IHL website has been brought up to date although he is seeking photos of recent events, so please forward any you have to Joe as soon as possible; and 2) **Joe Aubrey**, our longtime webmaster is resigning. On behalf of all of our members, I thank you Joe for all of your hard work and attention to the IHL website these past years. We are grateful for your assistance to this worthy cause and your work has brought much attention to our Lodge. On that note, I want to also announce that we are

diligently working on a Facebook page to further enhance the Lodge's visibility. More to come on this news..... In the meantime, Joe LaMarca will continue to maintain the website, although we are keeping our eyes open for "an energetic, young person, preferably a lodge member, with web skills and software that can bring pizzazz to the site – beautiful picture background for the home page, music, gee-whiz moving graphics, and photo editing to make photos of us all look younger, etc."

NOVEMBER LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on **Monday, November 6th** at noon at the *Pan Am Family Restaurant* located at 3051 Nutley Street, SW, Fairfax, VA. Please contact Dennis at 703-354-2454 or email Dennis at delillo1@verizon.net if you plan to attend. Pan Am has been recommended by several of our council members and is a family-friendly Mediterranean restaurant serving Greek and American standards.

Coming up.....

November and December will be months where IHL will be doing some fundraising and I will be asking our members to reach into your pockets to assist with a few charities. October 21 was our yearly Walk-A-Thon to raise money for our three charities – Autism, Cooley's Anemia and Alzheimer's. If you were unable to participate/walk, please make your donation with the attached form before December 15, 2017. Our Food Pantry donations have now become an annual fundraiser during our November meeting. You all have been very generous in the last two years in donating boxed, packaged and canned goods for the House of Mercy Food Pantry and I hope you will continue to do so. During our November and December events, Dot Saia will reach out to you for donations for Christmas Dinner Gift Certificates for ECHO families. Since IHL/OSIA is a fraternal organization, we pride ourselves on helping our communities in need and I have not been disappointed in your generosity and concern for others less fortunate than ourselves. Please take these upcoming opportunities to carefully consider your donations and how best to assist others.

The Election of Lodge Officers for 2017-2018

The Lodge will elect officers early next year for the 2017-2018 term. The following timetable is set out in the Lodge's By-Laws for the election of officers:

November, 2017 – The President appoints three members to serve on the Nominating Committee.

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 be prepared to notify a member of the Nominating Committee of your desire to serve on the council for the 2017-2018 term .



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SUBJECT: Walk-A-Thon for Cooley's Anemia, Alzheimer's and Autism

A primary function of the Italian Heritage Lodge (IHL) of Fairfax is to act as a fraternal organization to benefit our community. One of the ways we accomplish this each year is to donate funds to three specific charities ---- Cooley's Anemia, Alzheimer's, and Autism. This year, our members participated in a Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at a local mall as a fundraiser for these charities. We ask that you donate \$10, \$20 or whatever you can afford to support these worthy causes. All funds collected will be donated through the Grand Lodge of Virginia Foundation, Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), to one of the above-mentioned charities. **Donations should be submitted by December 15, 2017 for inclusion in our 4th Quarter contributions.**

***Make checks payable to the Virginia OSIA Foundation with a mention in the memo line as for which charity/charities the donation is designated. 100% of the funds collected will be forwarded to the Virginia OSIA Foundation. Please mail your fully tax deductible contributions to:**

**Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517
 C/O Mr. Dennis Lillo
 5104 Colebrook Place
 Alexandria VA 22312**

Keep a copy of the form below as your receipt and **include the name of the charity you wish to support on the memo line on your check.** I want to thank you in advance for your generosity and your support for our charitable causes.

Mille grazie,

Coletta Sciscilo, President, IHL

Receipt: Grand Lodge of Virginia Foundation, Order Sons of Italy in America
 5352 Sir Barton Drive
 Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Cooley 's Anemia	_____	Amount	_____
Alzheimer's	_____	Amount	_____
Autism	_____	Amount	_____
Date:			

ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE
FESTA DÙ NATALE
DECEMBER 9, 2017



This year's Festa di Natale is Saturday evening, December 9, 2017. Due to the extended length of the program and the young age of the primary audience, the social will begin at **6:00 PM**. For the younger attendees, the program will include a reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas'* and all can join in as we sing Christmas carols. There will also be a guest from the North Pole.

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 December 5, 2017. 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 event. 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 the following week. 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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