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*Newsletter of
The Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517
Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America*

**APRILE 2020
MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Dear all -

At this very difficult time it's hard to find the right words for what we're going through individually, as a nation and in the world. My heart breaks for Italy and all the death and despair they have endured. We speak to our family and friends once a week to check-in and send cheer. So many of the greatest generation particularly have been lost to this scourge; their bravery, wisdom and a lifetime of stories gone forever. Their loss is staggering. My hometown of New York City has been ravaged and will never be the same. I pray for all the souls that have been lost and that this pandemic ends soon. God bless the first responders, police, doctors, nurses and all those who are fighting this every day. They are the heroes. Please everyone, stay put, listen to our leadership and doctors and don't take a chance with your life.

All IHL events and meetings are cancelled until further notice. The next few weeks will be particularly challenging. If you find yourself in a situation and you need help please don't hesitate to reach out.

Stay safe, much love.

Dawn

Please remember in your prayers the older brother of Omero Sabitini. Bruno Sabitini died at the age of 92 on January 23rd. Dr. Sabitini lived in the Abruzzo region of Italy and was a well-known doctor of obstetrics and gynecology, as well as a poet.

On the mend after successful brain surgery is 2-year old Lucia Sciscilo, daughter of Jeff and Tess Sciscilo. On March 20th, Lucia was diagnosed with a benign brain tumor and hydrocephalus. She is home and recovering, and enjoying the many toys and gifts her daddy is showering upon her.

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

THESE EVENTS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY:

April 4 Casino Night 6:30 P.M. K of C Hall

May 9 A Night of Italian Music 6:30 P.M. K of C Hall

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June (TBD) Bocce & Picnic 11:00 A.M. The Lillo's home

July (TBD) (TBD)

August 8 (TBD)

August (TBD) Hall Stripping & Waxing Floors

September 19 Meet & Greet 6:30 P.M. K of C Hall
Spaghetti Dinner

October 10 (TBD)

November 14 (TBD)

December 12 Festa di Natale 6:00 P.M. K of C Hall

Buon Anniversario ! APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



Armando & Elisabetta Lazarte
April 10

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Buon Compleanno!



Anthony Gelona	April 1
Susan Bonsiero	April 3
Carlos Mignani	April 3
Mary Pellegrino	April 4
Teresa Scafetta	April 5
Linda Moran	April 8
Jim Cocco	April 11
Marianne Hallihan	April 15
Flo Primeggia	April 20
Mike Maggio	April 28
Angelo Saladini	April 28
Fred Ingham	April 29



*To our dear family and friends in Italy,
to your doctors, nurses, health care
workers, polizia, religious, and all
citizens, our many prayers are being
lifted up for you in your time of need.*

ATTENZIONE !
Upcoming events.....

Dear Members and friends,

We have received word from the Grand Lodge of Virginia as well as directives from National that for the time being, all future events will be indefinitely postponed until it is safe to socialize. These will include the following events:

*Monthly Executive Council Meetings
Monthly Lunch Bunch
Monthly IHL Italian Language Group
Installation of Officers Dinner and Ceremony
Casino Night
A Night of Italian Music*

IHL DUES: IHL will be suspending the payment of current dues for April until further notice. We realize that because of work/salary situations, many members will be unable to submit their annual dues at this time. Since this is a new and fluid situation for all of us concerned, please bear with us as we determine the appropriate action. If you have any questions, please contact either Dot Saia or Dawn Falsinotti.

**BY-LAWS OF THE ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE, NO. 2517
AS OF MARCH 18, 2001**

Dear Members,

Because of the cancellation of the GLVA quarterly meeting in March, our bylaws were put to a vote by email to all who are eligible to vote. We have not yet submitted a signed version to the Grand Council as there was one point still to be addressed. I will work with Joseph Scafetta to remedy this issue, which does not call for an amendment, and resubmit our bylaws if necessary. I will keep you informed as things progress. Thank you for your patience.

*Sincerely,
Coletta Sciscilo
Immediate Past President*

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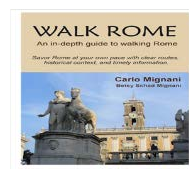


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