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

**GENNAIO 2020
FELICE ANNO NUOVO
MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Cari amici,

As we say goodbye to 2019 and hello to 2020 we remember we have so much to be thankful for. 2019 was a busy year for our lodge. Outside of many of our long time activities, we had the addition of a wonderful night of Italian music featuring Tess Florek in April, revamped Bingo to make it Italian Bingo in May, a very successful 2nd Spaghetti Dinner featuring the culinary talents of the Cardinale's in September, a salute to Italian-American Heritage in October and a Veteran's Day concert featuring the adorable and talented children from the Drew Robertson Music School as well as our first ever Small Business Showcase in November. Phew! Let's not forget our Christmas Party which was a big undertaking and a rousing success. There was a large turnout and a good time was had by all. I must take a moment to thank all of our faithful volunteers for all of the time and energy they expend to make these events the fun times they are. We can always use extra hands so please don't be shy to get involved. We will welcome you.

On a sad note, we lost three long time members of the lodge; Renee Signorelli in July and Frank Marcinkowski and Gene La Colla in December. All three are irreplaceable and we will miss them immensely. Please keep their families in your prayers.

2020 will be another fun filled year for the Italian Heritage Lodge. Blessings to all for a healthy and happy New Year!

*Best regards,
Dawn*

This December unfortunately brought us the passing of two of our beloved, long-time members. Both Frank Marcinkowski and Gene La Colla were men larger than life it seems. Both were devoted family men, loving husbands, intelligent professional men, and exceptional IHL members that we all loved. Christmas seems the hardest time of year to lose our loved ones and, all the more, brings us closer to our families who mean so much to us. Remembering Frank and Gene and their families in your prayers is the link to their life here with us and their peaceful rest. To both of their families, we send our prayers, thoughts, our sincerest sympathies and desire to comfort you in your hour of need.

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

January 1, 2020

NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 8	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Jaipur Royal Indian Cuisine 9401 Lee Hwy, # 105 Fairfax
January 11	White Elephant	Noon-3:00 P.M.	K of C Hall
January 15	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Kings Park Library
February 15	"Carnivale"	6:30 P.M.	K of C Hall
February 19	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Kings Park Library
March 14	Installation of Officers	4:30 P.M.	K of C Hall

*We are pleased to welcome the following new members to
IHL:*

*Concetta King, Rosary Larson, Alice Ess, Jim Cocco,
Marilyn Miyasato, Mary Pellegrino and Rosemary Viani.*

Benvenuti a tutti !

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Buon Compleanno



Carmine Primeggio	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
Stephen Balducci	January 19
Laurie Gwaltney	January 22
Fred Michaelangelo	January 22
Vincent Trobbiani	January 27
Maria Ingham	January 28

The Election of Lodge Officers for 2020-2021

The Lodge will elect officers early next year for the 2020-2021 term. The following timetable is set out in the Lodge's By-Laws for the election of officers:

November, 2019 – The President appointed two members to serve on the Nominating Committee: Dennis Lillo (Chairman) and Eleanor Lillo.

December, 2019 – 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, 2020 – The January Newsletter will carry the results of the Nominating Committee. Members may nominate from the floor at the January lodge meeting.

February, 2020 – Elections are held – no more nominations are permitted except in the case of withdraw.

March, 2020 – 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 2020-2021 term . **The office of Financial Secretary will be open in the next term.***

To Our Members:

We are in the process of filling necessary IHL Council positions for the FY 2020-2121 term. Currently, there are three key positions for which we need nominees: Vice President; Financial Secretary; and Mistress of Ceremonies. Also, there are openings for trustees who attend IHL Council meetings and offer advice to Council members during monthly meetings. Sharon Strauchs has stepped forward to fill the Membership Chair vacancy.

VP: Supports the president in establishing agenda and IHL events. Steps in for president in his or her absence.

Financial Secretary: Maintains membership roster and sends out dues renewal notices each month; determines quarterly per capita dues based on total membership and notifies Treasurer amount to send to Grand Lodge; tracks charitable donations and advises Treasurer amounts to send to Grand Lodge; prepares monthly financial reports for Council meetings; takes attendance at IHL events.

Mistress of Ceremonies: Schedules monthly board meetings.

No organization can exist without the active participation and support of its members. VP and Financial Secretary are particularly key positions that we must fill. Please contact Dennis Lillo or Eleanor Lillo if you are willing to serve in either of these positions or in one of the other vacant IHL Council positions. We would like to have a full slate of officer nominations ready to announce at our next IHL event on Saturday, January 11th .

Dennis Lillo, Nominations Committee Chair

WALK ROME by Carlo Mignani. IHL member, native Roman, and Italian tutor, Carlo Mignani, has published his book **WALK ROME** – Walk along with a native Roman to explore the Eternal City with clear routes, historical context and timely information. Say Carlo and Betsy: “We are really excited about the book and worked on it off and on for several years. We took many trips to Rome to take pictures and find interesting spots to describe. So we are glad that it is finally done and available. Anyone planning a trip would enjoy reading it so they can have a better idea of what they are interested in visiting, since on any trip there is never enough time to see everything. Our book is more varied and interesting than the standard guidebooks. We do not describe only the major monuments. Walk Rome is designed to assist tourists who want to explore the Eternal City on their own at their own pace with historical context and timely information. The center of Rome has been divided into seven manageable parts. After a brief overview, each walk has a main map that shows the recommended route to reach each of the suggested attractions. Following the route, we also suggest interesting shops, exhibits, good restaurants, wine bars, pubs, museums, and ice cream places.”

WALK ROME can be found at www.Walk-Rome.com; blog: WalkRome.blogspot.com; Amazon and Barnes & Noble by searching “Walk Rome Mignani”; and on BookBaby: <https://store.bookbaby.com/book/walk-rome1>.

Congratulations Carlo and Betsy – IHL wishes you much success with this endeavor.

The IHL Italian Language Group - Contact joe.lamarca@italianheritagelodge.org for location of our January 25th meet up, for more information about the upcoming schedule and becoming part of our language group for some fun with your fellow lodge brothers and sisters. Potential new group members are always welcome to join us!

Festa di Natale - This annual lodge holiday event did not fail once again. Our attendees topped 90 including many children so delighted by Santa and Elf Kerri. Santa was welcomed with such enthusiasm, song and cheers. We love seeing our families, children and grandchildren, and guests, enjoying one of IHL's most popular yearly events. We thank you all for embodying the Christmas spirit and showing our children the true meaning of Christmas – love and compassion – as we collected donations of toys for the children at the Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, D.C. Our well received “Christmas Cookie” fundraiser sold out again this year. Many thanks are due to those who worked hard to ensure the success and fun of the evening: Dawn & Francesco Falsinotti, Joe & Sharon Cardinale, Kerri Ferrall, John Asiello, Dennis & Ellie Lillo, Roy & Sandy Schender, Dot Saia, Colette Sciscilo, Marianne Hallahan, Nancy Perrelli, Laurie Gwaltney, Caryn Trivett, June La Marca and Jeff Sciscilo. We are thankful for all of those who donated art supplies, desserts, a gift basket, eggnog and hot cocoa bar – all of which made the evening extremely festive.

ATTENZIONE ! **Upcoming events... ..**

The next IHL Lunch Bunch will meet at Noon on **Wednesday, January 8, 2020**, at Jaipur Royal Indian Cuisine located at 9401 Lee Highway, #105, Fairfax. Jaipur offers a very reasonably priced Indian buffet with both vegetarian and meat choices for all tastes. So come and join your fellow IHLers for our January lunch bunch on Wednesday, January 8th. Please email Dennis at delillo1@verizon.net or call him at 703-354-2454 if you plan to attend so he may include you in the reservation.

White Elephant - It's that time of year again! We LOVE the IHL White Elephant. This afternoon of fun will take place on Saturday, January 11th from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Knights Hall. Gather together your old, new, hardly used, gathering dust, sick of it, need a new style kinds of things for auction at our annual White Elephant. It will be a luncheon pot-luck (main dish and/or dessert), with drinks provided. No need to price your items as our experienced auctioneers are especially good at this! All proceeds help support IHL.

Our Education Chair and Director of the Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia, Elisabetta Lazarte, is announcing her Winter semester offering classes at various locations and for levels ranging from Beginner to Intermediate Advanced Italian language, which includes Reading and "Movie Time" this semester. As Elisabetta notes "Italian is more fun when we are together", so please contact her at elisabettalazarte@gmail.com or 703-887-1995 to inquire about the upcoming Winter semester, registration information and future language programs and schedules.

**IHL FESTA DI NATALE
2019**



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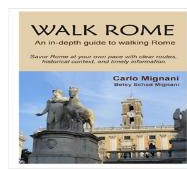
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