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

**GENNAIO 2021
FELICE ANNO NUOVO
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Cari amici,

Happy New Year! A new year, a fresh beginning. But, we made it. Covid has been the overarching enemy in our lives over this past year. We long for the days of normalcy. We lift up prayers for all those we have lost this year and for those suffering, we offer our continued prayers. Thank God the vaccine is on its way. The fact that the vaccine was created in less than a year is an extraordinary feat, an unprecedented medical miracle. Never in modern history could this have been accomplished without the remarkable collaboration of science and medicine brought together in expediency through the leadership of our current administration. Kudos to all. If the rollout of vaccines goes as expected we can get back to our normal lives by early summer.

Beginning this month we plan on holding monthly "Happy Hour" zoom meetings for those members that want to keep in touch and share what is happening in their lives. We all miss each other.

Hang in there.....better times are right around the corner.

Be safe.

Best, Dawn

We are saddened to inform our lodge members of the passing of Palmer DeMeo. Palmer passed away on September 1st as a result of complications from heart disease. He was 88 years old and had recently celebrated 56 years of marriage with his wife, Emilia. Palmer's parents were from Castellonorato and Penitro in Formia, Italy. IHL has sent a card of condolences and sympathy to his family.

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FUTURE LODGE EVENTS TO BE DETERMINED

January 1, 2021

*New Year's Day
Felice Anno Nuovo*

January 20, 2021

Happy Hour

6:00-7:00 PM

Via Zoom

March 15, 2021

GLVA
Quarterly Meeting

7:00 PM

Via Zoom

Buon Compleanno
e Tanti Auguri!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carmine Primeggia	January 2
Art Moscatello	January 4
Dawn Falsinotti	January 5
Laura Strong	January 7
Tony Musco	January 12
Francesca Mazarella	January 14
Laurie Gwaltney	January 22
Fred Michaelangelo	January 22
Vincent Trobbiano	January 27
Maria Ingham	January 28

GRAZIE DI TUTTO to Joe Cardinale, as he leaves the office of IHL Vice President. Joe, you have always been very dedicated to the lodge, its members and your position as VP (valuable principle)! You brought great ideas to the lodge for events, marketing and communications. You and Sharon fed our members a terrific and delicious spaghetti dinner – so much work and expense but your efforts were greatly appreciated by all. You were always ready and willing to step into any “role” when needed – hmm auctioneer and Babbo Natale immediately come to mind. Buona Fortuna to you as you approach your retirement and upcoming move to your and Sharon’s new home in Pennsylvania. We hope to see you both again before that time!

HL Treasurer - If there is anyone who would like to volunteer for this position, please let Dawn know as soon as possible so a transition can be made smoothly.

We will schedule another “Happy Hour” for our members to get together virtually and share their Christmas and New Year experiences, what we are looking forward to in the New Year, and other thoughts and wishes! The date is Wednesday, January 20th from 6:00-7:00 pm. You will receive an email with the link to join in!

Italian Language Program of Northern VA – Elisabetta Lazarte, our lodge Education Chair, has sent out her upcoming schedule for the Winter 2020 language program, starting soon. Please contact her at elisabettalazarte@gmail.com or (703) 887-1995 to obtain the schedule of varying levels of language instruction, dates and times, and tuition costs. Classes will take place online via ZOOM.US. Elisabetta conveys “as always, and evermore, I am thankful to all of you for wanting to learn the ITALIAN language and Culture!”

Dear Members and friends,

For the time being, all future events will be indefinitely postponed until it is safe to socialize. These will include the following events:

Monthly In-Person Executive Council Meetings
Monthly Lunch Bunch
Monthly IHL Italian Language Group
Installation of Officers Dinner and Ceremony
Casino Night
Meet & Greet Spaghetti Dinner
A Night of Italian Music
Bocce Event
White Elephant
Summer Picnic

It is pretty certain that for these many months we have been apart and quarantining, many of us have been cleaning and purging. I hope that you all have been temporarily storing those items that can be auctioned at our annual White Elephant. Once IHL is meeting up again, let’s hope it is one of our first events as it is always fun and very successful.

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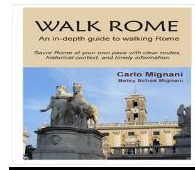
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Available on Amazon, by searching
“Walk Rome Mignani”
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