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

MAGGIO 2019 MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

Cari amici,

Buona Primavera! The time of rebirth...and for some, major allergies. At our April event we enjoyed an evening of Italian music with Tess Florek. She was fabulous and sung many well known Italian songs, both old and new. It was wonderful to see so many lodge members moved by nostalgia and emotion at the songs and Tess' vocal prowess. So many of you have commented on what a fun night it was. Thank you to all of those who came and enjoyed the evening. Many thanks to Colette Sciscilo who brought Tess to the lodge and made all the arrangements to ensure the night was a great success. Brava Colette.

May's event on the 11th is going to be BINGO. We're re-doing BINGO with an Italian flair. Money as well as Italian specialty items will be the prizes for this reboot. This will be a fun night with a special nod to Italy. We hope to see everyone there.

Dawn

Please continue to keep Chris Williams and family in your prayers. Chris' surgery went well and he is home recovering with lots of help from Cynthia, John, Ellie and Dennis, as well as thoughts and prayers from IHL members.



BINGO NIGHT
is Saturday, May 11th
6:30 p.m.
at the Knights of Columbus
Hall.
Bring appetizers, finger foods
or desserts
Beverages will be provided

**FOOD, DRINKS,
GAMES & PRIZES**

B I N G O				
Catania	Prato	Novara	Rome	Siracusa
Pescara	Latina	Taranto	Ancona	Brescia
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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

May 2-4	OSDIA/GLVA 36 th Biennial Convention		Sterling, VA
May 8	Lunch Bunch	Noon	The Italian Store 5837 N. Washington Blvd. Arlington, VA
May 11	Bingo Night	6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
May 15	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
June 1	IHL Language Group	6:00 P.M.	Fran Mazarella's home
June 8	Bocce at the Lillo's	11:00 A.M.	5104 Colebrook Place Alexandria
June 19	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale

June 22	IHL Language Group	6:00 P.M.	Coletta Sciscilo's home
July 4	Independence Day Parade	TBD	City of Fairfax
July 17	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
August 1 – 4	Student Summit		Hyatt House, Sterling
August 17-19	K of C Hall Clean up	TBD	K of C Hall

Buon Compleanno
MAY BIRTHDAYS



Joanne DeMarco	May 1
Frank Marcinkowski	May 4
Francesco Falsinotti	May 7
June La Marca	May 10
Sal Guli	May 10
Cynthia Williams	May 17
John Asiello	May 17
David Strong	May 21
Sharon Harmon	May 23
John Dovel	May 23
Christopher Williams	May 28

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Buon Anniversario !



Roy & Sandy Schender
May 11

Gene & Carol La Colla
May 15

LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The May Lunch Bunch will be held on Wednesday, May 8th at noon at The Italian Store, located at 5837 N. Washington Boulevard, Arlington (the Westover location). "The Italian Store is a family owned gourmet Italian Specialty Shop that specializes in hard to find Italian products sourced from Italy, from homemade ravioli and pasta to fresh cheese and meat, unique Italian wines and products you cannot find anywhere else." Rated "The Best Sandwiches in the US" 4.7 out of 5 stars, the deli offers made-to-order Italian subs and gourmet sandwiches, fresh New York style pizza and entrees prepared daily. You can view their menu of subs, gourmet sandwiches and pizzas on italianstore.com Please contact Dennis at 703-354-2454 or email him at delillo1@verizon.net if you would like to join with your IHL brothers and sisters for a fun lunch experience.

The IHL Italian Language Group April get-together was graciously hosted by Peter and Kathleen Ognibene. Our evening usually begins with vino, antipasti, "le chiacchiere" (chitchat), before our hosts pronounce "tutto sul tavolo per mangiare." The food was "to die for" according to those in attendance. An interesting fact discovered at Saturday's language group is that, although Italian is the 21st most spoken language on earth, it is the fourth most studied language in the world! Now, why don't we have at least 1/4th of our Italian Heritage Lodge members join us at the Language Group? The several hours we all spend together are not too intense, but always a fun language learning experience, with great food and many laughs. The next two monthly language meet-ups are scheduled for Saturday, June 1st and Saturday, June 22nd. We are always looking for new members with some knowledge of Italian language to join us at our monthly Language Group meeting, enjoy the camaraderie, the Italian cuisine, the value of vocabulary building and the practice of conversing in Italian. Contact joe.lamarca@italianheritagelodge.org for more information about 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!

***BOCCE at the LILLO's** - Saturday, June 8th. The fun begins at 11:00 a.m. - All families and friends are welcome to come and enjoy this traditional lodge event graciously hosted by Dennis and Eleanor Lillo. Beverages will be provided, but please bring your best pot luck Italian summer dish. Bring your bocce skills and perhaps some instruction will be provided for those not so familiar with the game. No RSVP is required, but if you need to contact the Lillo's, their email is delillo1@verizon.net. The address is 5104 Colebrook Place, Alexandria.*

***A July 4th Parade committee is now forming.** Please email President Dawn if you would like to assist in the preparations, decorating and have some creative ideas for the presentation of IHL at the Fairfax City Parade this year. Our presence is important in the community and this is a wonderful opportunity for us to be seen as the proud Italian - Americans that we are!*

***OSIA Student Summit** - This year, the Student Summit will take place on the dates of August 1 through 4. Students must be High School seniors to college students who are entering their senior year. Students will tour the Italian Embassy, the Pentagon and the Supreme Court. The cost is \$250 per student, which covers hotel, meals (Thursday evening to Sunday morning), and transportation. BUT the Grand Lodge of Virginia will sponsor up to two students (on a first come basis). Students must attend for the entire conference and a security clearance for the Pentagon tour is required. A flyer with application is attached to the Newsletter email.*

Thanks to Dawn and Joe, IHL is maintaining a presence in the Italian-American communities across the country. For Facebook, we have a page and a group. The page will be used to communicate with all of Facebook (external). We also have a group which can be seen via search but members that want to join must be approved. We will use this group for internal posts among members of the lodge. Both can be reached by searching for: Italian Heritage Lodge-Fairfax. Our Instagram page can be reached by searching for sonsofitaly_ihl2517. We currently have 77 people and other OSIA groups following our page. If you have an Instagram account, please follow.

***The OSDIA-GLVA 36th Biennial Convention** will be held this weekend, May 3-4, 2019 at the Hyatt House in Sterling, Virginia, with a Hospitality Suite on Thursday evening, May 2nd. Our delegates are looking forward to seeing fellow Virginia lodge brothers and sisters.*

Our Education Chair and director of the Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia, Elisabetta Lazarte, has announced her upcoming Italian Language Classes for Spring 2019. Classes begin April 29th and go through June 25th, in various locations and for various levels ranging from Beginner to Intermediate Advanced. Please contact Elisabetta at Bsmile24@aol.com or 703-887-1995 for a schedule and registration information.

IHL's members, friends and families have been blessed with opportunities over the past months to enjoy friendships, old and new, sweet times together!



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