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

**MAGGIO 2020
MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Dear all -

As we move into the third consecutive month practicing social distancing we're all saying enough already! I know everyone is tired of being home and not living our normal lives. Hopefully May will be the month we turn the page if only slightly in a positive direction. When I'm feeling particularly low I think of the stories my grandparents, the greatest generation, told me about their lives during WWII and how as a people and a nation we rallied. My father-in-law also had stories of being a young boy in Italy during the war and what the Italians endured. Life was very difficult. We'll get through this. Our family and friends in Italy are also still quarantined and don't know what the future holds. God bless them and all that have lost their lives. We can honor them by never forgetting them.

Praying for all of you and looking forward to the day we can all get together again.

*With affection,
Dawn*

“Love, Healing and Hope to Italy and The World”

If any of our members missed the Easter Sunday concert of Andrea Bocelli, you can find it on YouTube as: Andrea Bocelli: Music For Hope – Live From Duomo di Milano.

Bocelli begins his concert with gentle, loving and heartfelt words of the hope we find in Easter. The 30-minute live concert inside the Duomo was performed with only an organist accompaniment. The dark, silent and still background of an empty church contrasted Bocelli's message to the world in his religious selections which included Panis Angelicus, Ave Maria, Sancta Maria and Domine Deus. The “Sancta Maria” was beautifully performed to the Intermezzo melody from “Cavalleria Rusticana.” Bocelli's final piece was Amazing Grace and performed outside in front of the Duomo. The concert included views of Italy, New York, Paris and London.

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

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May 10

Buona festa della mamma



July (TBD)	(TBD)		
August 8	(TBD)		
August (TBD)	Hall Stripping & Waxing Floors		
September 19	Meet & Greet Spaghetti Dinner	6:30 P.M.	K of C Hall
October 10	(TBD)		
November 14	(TBD)		
December 12	Festa di Natale	6:00 P.M.	K of C Hall

Buon Anniversario !

MAY ANNIVERSARIES



Roy & Sandy Schender
May 11

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Buon Compleanno
e Tanti Auguri!



Joanne DeMarco	May 1
Francesco Falsinotti	May 7
June La Marca	May 10
Sal Guli	May 10
Joseph Scafetta, Jr.	May 10
Cynthia Williams	May 17
John Asiello	May 17
David Strong	May 21
Sharon Harmon	May 23
John Dovel	May 23
Chris Williams	May 28
Concetta King	May 31

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
Bocce Event*

IHL DUES: IHL will be suspending the payment of current dues for May 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 fluid situation and since we have been unable to hold events, please bear with us as we assess an appropriate solution. If you have any questions, please contact either Dot Saia or Dawn Falsinotti.

Our dear friend, Sig. Vittoria, sent this email to me as an update on his book:

Buongiorno cara Coletta,

I hope all is well with you and family. We are doing fine with this corona virus. This morning I made the following announcement on Facebook which may be of interest to you.

I am happy to announce that my book, "Bitter Chicory to Sweet Espresso", Survival and Deliverance from WW II in the Naples Area 1940-49, has been translated by Lucia Cristina Tirri into Italian. The title of the book is "Dal Caffè di Cicoria al Caffè Espresso: L'Italia della mia Infanzia", Sopravvivenza e Liberazione Nei Paesi del Sole Durante La Seconda Guerra Mondiale.

Words can easily be translated, but, most importantly, Dr. Tirri has been able to capture the spirit and intent of the book as well. Those events are described from the perspective of a child, who experienced those events first hand.

The paperback and e-book in Italian and English are available in Amazon.it or Amazon.com.

I would appreciate very much, if you could spread the word to your colleagues and friends about the Italian translation of the book.

ciao,

Carmine

Sonny and Teresa Scafetta offer this article as a glimpse into the Italian upbringing of Dr. Anthony Fauci:

[usworldherald.com/dr-anthony-fauci-growing-up-italian/](https://www.usworldherald.com/dr-anthony-fauci-growing-up-italian/)

I was unable to copy and paste the article/interview and pictures into the newsletter, but the "gist" is that Dr. Fauci grew up in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn and quips that it was the

"kind of neighborhood that on every Sunday morning, a mother walks out on her porch and calls for Anthony, about 20 kids come running yelling "What Mom?"

And, of course, Dr. Fauci says that

"My best memories as a child are of the house being full with aunts, cousins, and uncles with a table of good food."

FATHER VINCENT R. CAPODANNO, MM
“SERVANT OF GOD”

Vincent R. Capodanno was the youngest of 10 children born to an Italian immigrant family. His parents, Vincent Sr. and Rachel, left Gaeta and settled in Staten Island NY. On February 13, 1939, while the family prepared their Staten Island home to celebrate Vincent’s 10th birthday, his father never returned home. Sadly, young Vin’s father had died that same day while working at the shipyard.

Vincent Jr. went on to graduate public high school, attend one year at Fordham University and work as an insurance clerk before discerning a call to the Maryknoll Missionaries. His first assignment was to Taiwan for six years, and then in an unusual move by his superiors, he was reassigned to Hong Kong. Fr. Capodanno then requested to serve as a Navy chaplain.

Commissioned a US Navy Lieutenant on December 28, 1965, he attended chaplain school in Newport, Rhode Island before heading to Vietnam in 1966 to serve with the 1st BN 7th Marines and the 1st BN 5th Marines. While serving those Marines, he became known as “the Grunt Padre”.

LT Capodanno served in seven combat operations, including Operation Swift where, at the age of 38, he died providing medical aid to the wounded and last rites to the dying, who always sought to heal and comfort the wounded and dying on the field of battle.

He was posthumously awarded a third Purple Heart and a Medal of Honor.

In Staten Island, the main boulevard, formerly Seaside Blvd, was renamed Capodanno Blvd, and Fort Wadsworth is home to the Fr. Capodanno Memorial Chapel. In Naval Station Newport RI, the chapel and street leading to it are named after Capodanno. Gaeta’s Naval Clinic is also named after Vincent Capodanno. On November 17, 1973 the USS Capodanno, FF-1093 was commissioned.

Years later, the Catholic Church declared him a Servant of God, the first step towards canonization. Possible considerations include patron for Memorial Day (25 May 2020), immigrants, large families, chaplains, medics, military and more.

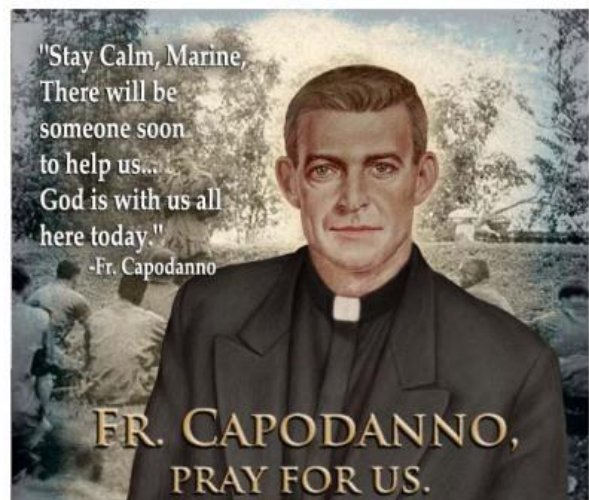
For more information on his legacy, visit

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vincent_R._Capodanno.

For information on his cause, visit

www.CapodannoGuild.org.

“The Field Afar” is a film depicting the life of Fr. Vincent Capodanno.



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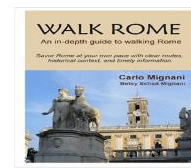


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