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

NOVEMBRE 2018
MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA
VETERAN'S DAY - NOVEMBER 11

Cari amici,

I look forward to, especially this time of year, mentioning and honoring our veterans, those dear to our hearts, right here in our lodge. We not only remember our American heroes, we also remember our Italian ancestors who put on a uniform and fought for the same freedoms we enjoy. On two occasions this year, our family welcomed "honor flights" coming to Washington, D.C., one in particular was filled with only World War II veterans. I saw my children and grandchildren waving American flags, shaking hands with wheel chair bound veterans, while proudly calling a genuine "Thank You" to each one of them. I love that young ones are learning to appreciate the sacrifices of these men and women ensuring to a new generation that our veterans will never be forgotten.

It was great fun hosting Bob and Bev Amante and Jim and Terri DeLucia from the Peninsula Italian American Lodge. They traveled a distance to join our Fall Celebration and set up their very inviting Italian Market. Those in attendance enjoyed the company, food and shopping experience with so many festive items. They were grateful for the opportunity to display the merchandise for our lodge members and I hope to have them back again soon. Our House of Mercy Food Pantry collection far exceeded my expectations and we are not finished yet! Thank you all for the donations so far and I look forward to one more collection on November 10th.

At the Fall Celebration, we welcomed our new members Carmine and Flo Primeggia. Carmine and Flo attended our Meet & Greet Spaghetti Dinner in September and joined IHL. We welcome you both and look forward to having you with us for many of our future events, as you have the opportunity to meet our wonderful members and families.

The next two events finishing out 2018 are the "Pizza and Movie Night" (November 10th) and the "Festa di Natale" (December 15th). Details are in this Newsletter and both events require an RSVP so please read them carefully.

♥ *I am passing onto our members a very lovely note from Sandy Schender which she sent to me on October 24th, the day after Roy's operation: "Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. Yesterday was a long day. Roy was in surgery for 7 hours, longer than expected. But thankfully the operation was a success! Today he got up, walked, was put on a liquid diet and is on his way to a healthy recovery! Thank you again for keeping us in your prayers. We feel the love and are humbled and blessed. With a grateful heart, Roy & Sandy"*

*Con affetto!
Coletta*

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

November 10	Walk-A-Thon Lunch	11:00 A.M. Noon	Fair Oaks Mall Sushi On 11717 Fair Oaks Mall
November 10	Pizza & Movie Night	6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
November 11	<i>Veteran's Day</i>		
November 14	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Brion's Grill University Mall, Fairfax
November 14	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Lillo Residence
December 9	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 A.M.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
December 12	Lunch Bunch	Noon	TBD
December 15	Festa di Natale	6:00 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall

Buon Compleanno

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Judy Palmiotto	November 6
Kenneth Linder	November 18
Joanne Reed	November 19
Jeffrey Affuso	November 21



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Buon Anniversario !



Dawn & Francesco Falsinotti	November 5
Kathleen Coggiano & Avi Vijh	November 19
Eleanor & Dennis Lillo	November 26
Ann & Steve Lipton	November 30
Kathi & Anthony Gelona	

LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The November Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, November 14th at noon at Brion's Grill, located in the University Mall, 10621 Braddock Road, Fairfax. An oldie but goodie with a reasonably priced lunch buffet and other selections from the menu. Please come and join your fellow IHL members for lunch. Call Dennis at 703-354-2454 or email him at delillo1@verizon.net if you plan to attend.

WALK-A-THON - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th - 11:00 A.M. This is the time of year that we sponsor our Walk-A-Thon for our three charities - Alzheimer's, Cooley's Anemia and Autism. We meet at Fair Oaks Mall, lower level, outside of Sears and walk the mall distance to the other end where we meet up with our friends and members for lunch at Sushi On. If you can join us, please do! If you cannot, your generous participation is much appreciated. Our form for contributions is attached at the end of the Newsletter. This fundraiser is on-going until mid-December. At that time, our Financial Secretary will forward your contributions to the Virginia OSIA Foundation for disbursement to the three charities. All of the information is on the flyer, but please call either Colette or Eleanor if you have any questions.

PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th - 6:30 P.M. This will be our second year presenting a "pizza and movie night." The featured movie this year is "Under the Tuscan Sun" with dinner provided by Paisano's and will also include Italian insalata, wine and dessert. Pumpkin Spice Latte and popcorn during the movie were both hits last year and worth repeating! The price of admission to dinner and the movie is a contribution to the House of Mercy Food Pantry. We collected a good amount of food at our Fall Celebration in October and will continue for one more month. All donations will be taken to the House of Mercy the following week and will be just in time for Thanksgiving dinners for the needy. Only canned, boxed and packaged foods, please. PLEASE RSVP to Dawn at falsinotti@yahoo.com if you are attending so that enough pizza can be ordered.

The IHL Italian Language Group monthly meet-up is generally held on the fourth Saturday of each month. 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 food, 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.

Our member Elisabetta Lazarte is the Program Director and Instructor of the Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia. She is announcing that, through the assistance of John Asiello and the Knights of Columbus of St. Leo Church, her language program will be holding NEW BEGINNER Winter classes at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Please call Elisabetta at 703-887-1995 or email her at bsmile24@aol.com for information on the Winter session classes (January 23, 2019 to April 10, 2019, 3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.), more information on registering, and other classes offered in the program.

The Election of Lodge Officers for 2019-2020

The Lodge will elect officers early next year for the 2019-2020 term. The following timetable is set out in the Lodge's By-Laws for the election of officers:

November, 2018 – The President appointed three members to serve on the Nominating Committee: Eleanor Lillo (Chairwoman), Marianne Hallahan and Joseph Cardinale

December, 2018 – 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, 2019 – The January Newsletter will carry the results of the Nominating Committee. Members may nominate from the floor at the January lodge meeting.

February, 2019 – Elections are held – no more nominations are permitted except in the case of withdraw.

March, 2019 – 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 2019-2020 term .



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SUBJECT: Walk-A-Thon for Cooley’s Anemia, Alzheimer’s and Autism

A primary function of the Italian Heritage Lodge (IHL) of Fairfax is to act as a fraternal organization to benefit our community. One of the ways we accomplish this each year is to donate funds to three specific charities ---- Cooley’s Anemia, Alzheimer’s, and Autism. This year, our members will participate in a Walk-A-Thon on **Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 11:00 AM** at Fair Oaks Mall as a fundraiser for these charities. We ask that you donate \$10, \$20 or whatever you can afford to support these worthy causes. All funds collected will be donated through the Grand Lodge of Virginia Foundation, Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), to one of the above-mentioned charities.

***Make checks payable to the Virginia OSIA Foundation with a mention in the memo line as for which charity/charities the donation is designated. 100% of the funds collected will be forwarded to the Virginia OSIA Foundation. Please mail your fully tax deductible contributions to:**

**Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517
 C/O Mr. Dennis Lillo
 5104 Colebrook Place
 Alexandria VA 22312**

Keep a copy of the form below as your receipt. I want to thank you in advance for your generosity and your support for our charitable causes.

Mille grazie,

Coletta Sciscilo, President, IHL

Receipt: Grand Lodge of Virginia Foundation, Order Sons of Italy in America
 5352 Sir Barton Drive
 Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Cooley ’s Anemia	_____	Amount	_____
Alzheimer’s	_____	Amount	_____
Autism	_____	Amount	_____
Date:			

ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE
FESTA DÙNATALE
DECEMBER 15, 2018 - 6:00 P.M.

This year's *Festa di Natale* is Saturday evening, December 15, 2018. Due to the extended length of the program and the young age of the primary audience, the social will begin at **6:00 PM**. For the younger attendees, the program will include a reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* and all can join in as we sing Christmas carols. There will also be a guest from the North Pole.

It is **especially important** that you call in your reservation since Santa Claus will be making a surprise visit with a present for each child 12 and under. Members who are bringing children 12 and under are asked to call John or Laura Asiello at 703-321-7840 or email jfasiello@outlook.com to provide the name, gender, and age of the child, no later than **December 10, 2018**. This will give Santa time to select a gift for each child.


DINNER: The meal will be the traditional pot luck of authentic Italian entrees. Please provide an entree or side dish that will feed at least 6 to 8 people as there is usually a large turnout for this event. Anyone wanting to bring something additional can bring your Italian homemade dessert or an appetizer. Wine and beverages will be provided, including homemade Eggnog as well as a hot chocolate bar.

GIVE A GIFT: In keeping with the giving spirit of the holiday, members have the opportunity to participate in the following: each child or any other member or guest attending the meeting is invited to bring and place under the tree an unwrapped gift costing not more than \$10.00. Please put a tag on it indicating appropriate age and gender. The hospital, where the gifts will be taken, has requested that the gifts not be wrapped as they cannot give the children gifts without inspecting them. The gifts brought to the party will be taken to the Hospital for Sick Children the following week. Anyone interested in accompanying these gifts to the hospital should contact John Asiello at 703-321-7840. Children are especially welcome to help take these gifts to children less fortunate.



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