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

**NOVEMBRE 2020
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Cari amici,

Since our President, Dawn, was recently released from Fair Oaks hospital due to a blood re-infection and back surgery and has now moved to a rehabilitation center, I am relaying a short message to all on her behalf. Dawn and her family are sending best wishes and blessings to all of our members for a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Our veterans, as well, are very close to her heart and she deeply appreciates their sacrifice to our great country.

At our Grand Lodge of Virginia quarterly zoom meeting in September, President Larry Brennan suggested that the GLVA subscribe to Zoom so that all Virginia lodges can join and schedule meetings, etc. as needed. I have been informed that the GLVA zoom account has been set up and we can begin scheduling meetings and events. I will go out to our Executive Council to at least schedule a monthly meeting soon as there are a few items on our agenda to discuss without any further delay.

Our lodge By-laws have been updated and officially approved by the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Grazie to Larry Brennan and Paul Siebeking for guiding our lodge and assisting with all of the approval and finalization procedures. Once again, I greatly appreciate and most certainly thank Joe Scafetta for his expertise in fashioning a new set of By-laws. I sent the By-laws under a separate email for all members to read and keep. I also ask Joe La Mara to update our IHL website with these new By-laws.

The closing months of the year 2020 are already upon us. As the holidays approach as well, one event I truly miss is the Thanksgiving Food Pantry donation drive. It became more successful each year due to the generosity of our members no doubt. I hope that in some safe and personal way we can all continue the generosity we feel during this month of Thanksgiving.

*Con affetto,
Coletta*



May we all be thankful this season, and always, for family, friends, our Italian heritage, our faith and the abundance of blessings in our lives.

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FUTURE LODGE EVENTS TO BE DETERMINED

November 11	<i>Veterans Day</i>	
November 14	(TBD)	K of C Hall
November 26	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	
December 7	GLVA Quarterly Meeting 7:00 P.M.	Zoom
December 12	(TBD)	K of C Hall
December 25	<i>Feast of the Nativity – Christmas Day</i>	
January 1, 2021	<i>New Year's Day</i>	

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Buon Anniversario !



Francesco & Dawn Falsinotti	November 5
Dennis & Eleanor Lillo	November 26
Steve & Ann Lipton	November 30

*Buon Compleanno
e Tanti Auguri!*



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Judy Palmiotto	November 6
Kenneth Linder	November 18
Joanne Reed	November 19
Rosary Larson	November 24

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 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*

IHL DUES: IHL will be suspending the payment of current dues for November 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.

Carol Ann (Riccio) Linder, our lodge member, informed me months ago that she was using the pandemic quarantine time to compile stories of her Italian heritage and ancestry and had submitted one to "ItalianAmerica" magazine for publication. Congratulazioni to Carol Ann whose article about her great-grandfather, Giovanni Mainiero, is published in the Fall 2020 issue. "In Devotion to Donato" follows Sig. Mainiero from his small town of Castelfranco in Miscano, Italy to Rye, New York, and his lifelong devotion to Saint Donato, the patron saint of epilepsy and whose intercession cured him. Great job Carol Ann, it was enjoyable and interesting reading about your great-grandfather, his family and their immense devotion to this saint!

Italian Language Program of Northern VA – Elisabetta Lazarte, our lodge Education Chair, has sent out her upcoming schedule for the Fall 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!"

*Amanda Hertzog, President of Italo-American Citizens Lodge #1077, has asked me to pass along their flyer for their lodge's **100th Anniversary celebration**. I am happy to provide the flyer to our members as an attachment to this month's Newsletter.*

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100th Anniversary

Italo-American Citizens #1077

We look forward to celebrating with our brothers and sisters a wonderful evening commemorating a great feat.

Date: Feb. , 2021

Location: Roma Lodge, VB

Time: Social Hour 5-6pm, Dinner 6-7pm, Presentation 7-7:30, and Dance 7:30-9pm

Tickets: \$25.00 (Will include water/sweet tea, appetizers, dinner, and dessert.)

Attire: Business Casual / Cocktail Attire

Please come out and be a part of our celebration! There will be a bar with wine and beer (\$3.00 each). You may bring your preferred drink of choice. We will also have a 50/50, silent auction, and a "Look Back at Our History" table.

****Due to COVID-19 dates may change. We will follow the Governor's recommendations and the Roma Lodge's request with concerns on gatherings.**

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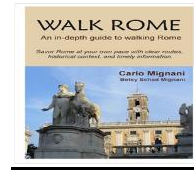
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