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

**SETTEMBRE 2020
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Cari amici,

Welcome September. We've decide as a group, after 6 months, to put some functions and meetings on the calendar. We realize that some of you will not be comfortable with this, but many are interested in resuming lodge activities immediately. We will still practice government policies set forth by the CDC in order to stay safe. Please, we are looking for your feedback. Please contact myself, and past President's, Nicolette Sciscilo and Dennis Lillo, with your comments.

Our first function will be on September 11, Lunch Bunch at Dolce Vita Restaurant in Fairfax. They have a lovely outside eating area and the food is very good. Please read further down in the newsletter for more specifics.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone again and catching up with our lives.

See you on the 11th.

**Best,
Dawn**



Marzamemi

Marzamemi, just 55 km from the Province of Siracusa, is one of the most picturesque villages in Sicily. To those who set foot there for the first time it seems to have been catapulted back in time, when life revolved essentially around fishing and tourism, which today supports the local economy, was just a utopia. Crystal clear sea, beaches and history make the village a place to discover and live at a slow pace.

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

September 11	Lunch Bunch (OUTDOOR DINING)	12:00 Noon	Dolce Vita Italian Restaurant 10824 Fairfax Boulevard Fairfax, VA
September 19	Installation Ceremony and Dinner	6:30 P.M.	K of C Hall
September 20 (Tentative)	GLVA Quarterly Meeting		Zoom
October 10	(TBD)		
October 17	Alzheimer's Walk	A.M.	Manassas, VA
November 14	(TBD)		
December 12	Festa di Natale	6:00 P.M.	K of C Hall

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Buon Anniversario !



Angelo & Elizabeth Saladini	September 6
David & Michelle Asiello	September 13
Richard & Alice Ess	September 16
Bruno Diconi & Marisa Scala	September 19
Joe & Sharon Cardinale	September 20
Tony & Jane Musco	September 21

*Buon Compleanno
e Tanti Auguri!*



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joe Cardinale	September 5
Joe La Marca	September 6
Nancy Perrelli	September 17
Loretta D'Amico	September 17
John Innello	September 20
Marilyn Miyasato	September 20
David Asiello	September 22
Jeffrey Sciscilo	September 22
Rosemary Viani	September 28

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* *see note below*
Monthly IHL Italian Language Group
Installation of Officers Dinner and Ceremony* *see note below*
Casino Night
A Night of Italian Music
Bocce Event

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

Monthly Lunch Bunch – For those members and guests that are interested, we are planning our first Lunch Bunch back since our country’s shutdown from the pandemic for **Friday, September 11 at noon**. Dolce Vita Italian Restaurant & Wine Bar, located at 10824 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax, offers outdoor seating for our safety in the current conditions. The lunch menu offers a good assortment of sandwiches, such as meatball or chicken parmigiana, Italian cold cuts, sausage and peppers, steak and cheese, prosciutto flatbread, etc. for \$8.00 which includes one soft drink and one refill; add \$2.00 for either salad or French fries. Dolce Vita also offers brick oven pizzas, insalata, pasta and dolce (of course!) – all at reasonable prices. Please RSVP to Dennis Lillo at delillo1@verizon.net if you want to meet up with other lodge members, family and guests who are interested in reuniting after so many months of preempted lodge events.

Installation of Officers and Dinner: We are finalizing plans to hold the installation of officers and dinner on **Saturday evening, September 19th** at the St. Leo Knights of Columbus Hall. If you are outgoing officers or are going to be installed for the coming year, please contact President Dawn Falsinotti to confirm that you will be attending. The installation dinner will be complimentary, but we will need a head count of members and guests for the dinner, which will include “ravioli al forno, insalata, panne, dolce, e vino”. Dawn’s email is falsinotti@yahoo.com

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!”

“Grazie mille” to Sonny Scafetta, who keeps us all well-read in the recent months with his great articles. See the end of this newsletter for another interesting article, this one about Pope Celestine V.

As an editor's note to the August 2020 Newsletter's article on Johnny Antonelli, I include two responses, with fond recollections, from our members:

"Thanks Colleta and Joe! - That was interesting reading on Johnny Antonelli, one of my Dad's favorite baseball players. At 72, I vaguely remember his stint w/ the Giants. Back in those days, if you were an American League fan, you had maybe a distant idea of what was happening in the National League; you had the box scores every day, but that was it. The only time we got to see National Leaguers on TV was during the All-Star games and the World Series. I was (and still am) an Oriole fan, so I had less knowledge about the Senior Circuit, or what we called the National League! But my Dad, who was by no means an educated man, could tell you everything you wanted to know about any Italian baseball player! He knew as much about Joe DiMaggio as maybe Marilyn Monroe did! --Apparently Mr. Antonelli, a widower, remarried sometime in his late 70's or 80's!

Frank [Bonseiro]"



"Coletta,

I am glad that my article about Johnny Antonelli resonated with someone! ... Although I am a year older than Frank, I remember Antonelli well because I started to pay attention to pro baseball when I was 7 years old. Because we lived in the Philadelphia suburbs at that time, I was originally a Phillies fan and followed what was going on in the National League. I did not pay much attention to what was going on in the American League. The first World Series that I remember was held in October 1954. There were no games on TV yet, so I had to read about what happened in the morning edition of the newspaper one day after each game. I remember Johnny Antonelli winning Game 2 and getting the save in Game 4 when the New York Giants swept the Cleveland Indians in 4 games. My father Giuseppe was not a big baseball fan, but he was proud of Antonelli because Antonelli's parents had emigrated from the town of Casalbordino where Michele, one of my father's older brothers lived. The town borders on the north of the city of Vasto from where my father had emigrated in April 1915, just before Italy entered into World War I, to Washington, D.C. When I visited Italy for the first time in 1977 after my father died, I went to Casalbordino and met my first cousin Giuseppe Scafetta who was a town council member there and the son of my father's brother (my uncle) Michele. Unfortunately, my uncle Michele had died in 1971, but I did go to the cemetery with my first cousin to see the mausoleum where he is entombed. I was saddened to read the news in the New York Times that Antonelli had died at the end of February this year, so I decided to write the short biography about him. I am glad that you were able to find the space to publish it. By the way, the image that I sent to you and that you used is taken from a 1957 baseball card that I once owned. Unfortunately, I sold my entire complete set of 1957 baseball cards many years ago for a fraction of what it is worth now.

Joseph "Sonny" Scafetta Jr."

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Pietro Angelerio

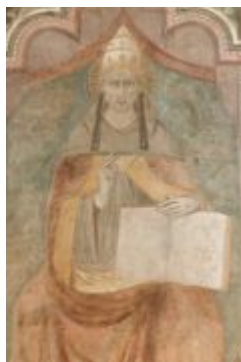
When Pope Benedict XVI abdicated the Throne of St. Peter in Vatican City on February 28, 2013, all the news media in the world reported that he was only the second pope to abdicate in the last 719 years. However, most of them did not report who was the prior pope to do so.

Pietro Angelerio was born about 1210 to Angelo Angelerio and Maria Leone in the community of Sant' Angelo Limosano (population 380 in the 2004 census) in the province of Campobasso in the region of Molise, Italy. When he was 17, he left home to become a Benedictine monk at Santa Maria of Faifula in the diocese of Benevento. In 1230, he left the monastery to become a hermit in the mountains. In 1239, he settled in a solitary cavern on Mount Morrone and became known as Pietro da Marrone. In 1244, he went with two other hermits to live in a similar cave on Mount Maiella in the region of Abruzzo. During that same year, the threesome gathered around them other hermits to form a new religious community as a branch of the Benedictines. Twenty years later in 1264, Pope Urban IV approved the new institution. Because of the severity of its penitential practices, the new order under Pietro as its Superior General had grown rapidly until it had 36 monasteries and more than 600 monks at the time of its papal approval.

After 28 years, in early April 1292, Pope Nicholas IV died in Rome and the 12 cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church assembled in Perugia, Italy, in what would be the last non-conclave election of a pope. However, they remained deadlocked for the next 27 months. In June 1294, Pietro wrote a letter of apocalyptic foreboding to Latino Malabranca Orsini who was the Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals. On July 5, 1294, Orsini received Pietro's letter and was inspired to offer Pietro's name to the assembled cardinals. Pietro was elected unanimously at the age of 84. Upon learning of his election, he initially refused to accept the tiara of the pope. However, he was finally persuaded by a deputation of cardinals accompanied by King Carlo II of Naples. So, on August 29, 1294, he was crowned in the Basilica of Santa Maria di Collemaggio in the city of L'Aquila in the region of Abruzzo. He took the name Pope Celestine V.

After three months, the new pope constructed a wooden hut in his papal apartment. He stated that he preferred to live humbly in the midst of so much splendor. During his short papacy, he issued two important decrees. First, he renewed a decree of Pope Gregory X that had established stringent rules for papal conclaves after a similarly prolonged election. These rules remain in effect. Second, his final decree declared the right of the pope to abdicate for any reason. This decree also remains in effect. Thus, on December 13, 1294, he abdicated the throne after only five months and eight days in office.

Eleven days later, on December 24, 1294, Cardinal Benedetto Gaetani was elected as Pietro's successor and took the name Pope Boniface VIII. Fearing that those who opposed his election would try to set Pietro up as an anti-pope, Boniface had Pietro imprisoned in the castle of Fumone near Ferentino in the region of Lazio. After 17 months, Pietro died there on May 19, 1296, at the age of 86. He was buried at Ferentino, but his body was later moved to the Basilica in L'Aquila where it remains. He was canonized 17 years later by Pope Clement V as Saint Celestine V on March 5, 1313, in the new papal home in Avignon, France. No subsequent pope has taken the name Celestine.



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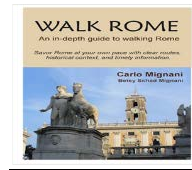
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