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Newsletter of:

THE ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE #2517
Order Sons of Italy in America



FEBBRAIO 2017 MESSAGGIO DAL PRESIDENTE

Carissimi amici,

“La Festa Degli Innamorati” The Feast of Lovers – or as we know it here in America, St. Valentine’s Day. This holiday is celebrated here as well as in Italy in many of the same ways. Although in Italy this feast is just for Lovers, while in America children join in on the celebrating by showing affection for friends and family. When I think of affection, fondness and love, my heart is also directed to charity – another expression of love. I have to tell you all how appreciative I am for your charitable efforts this past year. As a group, we donated a very decent sum of goods and money to the SIF Italian Earthquake Relief Fund, OSIA, St. Jude’s Hospital, the Hospital for Sick Children, ECHO, House of Mercy Food Pantry, Friends of Green Spring Gardens and San Francisco Nativity Academy of Houston, as well as our standing charities, Alzheimer’s, Cooley’s Anemia and Autism. Grazie, now treat yourself to a Perugina Baci for “La Festa Degli Innamorati.”

*Please join me in sending congratulations and best wishes to our Vice President, Nonno John Ingargiola, and his wife Nonna Theresa on the birth of their **first grandchild**, Hannah Joy, born Wednesday, January 25th. As you can imagine, the excitement is quite high in their home as they welcome Hannah who will no doubt be truly spoiled.*

IHL will install its new slate of officers at a catered dinner and ceremony on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. This yearly event will take place at the St. Leo Knights of Columbus Hall and will be combined with the George Washington Lodge officers and members. Again this year, Grand Lodge of Virginia President Bob Armante will participate as the Master of Ceremonies and will install the new officers. Bob and his wife, Beverly, graciously accepted our invitation to attend and preside over the ceremonies. Our Mistress of Ceremonies, Renee Signorelli, is diligently making preparations and arrangements for the catered dinner and details will be forthcoming. I invite and encourage all members to attend the installation to personally thank our out-going officers as well as welcome our new officers. If you are unable to attend, I know you join me in thanking all who generously gave their time and efforts for the betterment of our lodge and hopefully in the future you will meet and get to know our new officers. Look for more information soon detailing the evening’s program.

*Con affetto!
Coletta*

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

February 8	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Bertucci's, Springfield
February 11	Casino Night	6:30 p.m.	St. Leo K of C Hall
February 14	St. Valentine's Day	All day	
February 15	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	George Mason Library
March 11	Installation of Officers And Catered Dinner	4:00 p.m.	St. Leo K of C Hall
June 2-3	35 th Biennial Convention	-----	Hilton Richmond Hotel

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Charles Gioglio	February 11
Roy Schender	February 12
Valentine DaDamio	February 16
Dot Saia	February 17
Peter Andriole	February 18
Diana Guli	February 24
Mary Gioglio	February 25
Gene LaColla	February 28

*Buon
Compleanno*



*Felice
Matrimonio*

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY

*John & Laura Asiello
February 17*

LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, February 8 at noon at Bertucci's on Frontier Drive across from the Springfield Towne Center. They are famous for their brick oven pizza and Italian specialties. Call Dennis at [703-354-2454](tel:703-354-2454) or email him at delillo1@verizon.net if you plan on attending.

A Note from Dot Saia: *"I want to say Thank You to all who donated money to ECHO at the November and December meetings. Three Hundred dollars was collected which helped to feed six families. I will be back with my basket again next year!"*

White Elephant Sale -- Our yearly White Elephant Sale scheduled for Saturday, January 14th, was unfortunately postponed due to bad weather. It will most likely be rescheduled as a "Spring Cleaning" auction in the next few months. All items are appreciated as the spirit of giving continues into the new year. Items that you no longer need or want, have been replaced by the latest model, or things you are just happy to pass on to others, will be auctioned off to benefit the lodge. Please start gathering anything unwanted - no need to price items as our auctioneers do a fantastic job of personalizing each item and making a sure sale!

Casino Night, February 11th -- Casino Night always draws a big crowd of poker players and high rollers, where once again IHL takes the opportunity to contribute the evening's proceeds to our three charities, Alzheimer's, Cooley's Anemia and Autism. However, there are winners all evening who pick from a large selection of prizes collected by our members and donated by our sponsors. **Now is the time to start visiting local businesses, friends or family who are in a position to make a donation of restaurant and store gift certificates, local services, gift baskets, wine, and such. If at all possible before Casino Night, please contact Eleanor Lillo (delillo1@verizon.net) to provide information about donations you have secured so that she can prepare a presentation envelope and list of sponsors as much ahead as possible.** Please mark your calendars to join with your fellow members and guests for a fun evening. The information flyers and letter to donors are located elsewhere in the Newsletter. If a donor requires our tax exempt number, contact your President for that information.



Grand Lodge of Virginia 35th Biennial Convention, Richmond, June 2-3, 2017.

Information regarding hotel registration, meal registration forms, program booklet advertising and memorials, and signature pages were sent as attachments to last month's newsletter email. IHL will take out a program ad and I encourage others to do so, if you have a business, or want to place a personal memorial in the program booklet. These ads cost \$100.00/full page; \$50.00/half page; \$25.00/quarter page; and \$10 for a patron or memorial advertisement. The deadline for the program booklet advertising is **April 28, 2017**. Also, GLVA offers members the opportunity to be "Signature Sponsors" to support the success of the Convention. Each signature is \$1.00 and these sheets will be available at our meetings and events over the next few months. Please contact your President if you have any questions about Convention details or if you would like her to resend the forms.

If any members were able to attend the Casa Italiana presentations in January, please let us know how you enjoyed them. We will make an effort to bring you more information about Italian cultural and heritage events in the future.

*On the next three pages is all of the
Casino Night information:*

“CASINO NIGHT”

February 11, 2017

The February lodge meeting will feature a “Casino” evening.

To be successful, the following are required:

1. **PLAY AND INVITE OTHERS TO PLAY:** We need full participation by our membership for this Charitable Fund Raising event. The more that play the greater the Fun and the greater the Funds collected for Charity. We will be collecting \$5.00 in real money from each individual in exchange for \$25.00 in play money to bankroll gaming for the evening. You may buy as much play money as you desire. I know that all our dealers will be very customer friendly and you will have a great time so don't miss it. . **You may want to invite friends or potential members to this fun event which will help to increase our financial success.** At the conclusion of the games, winners, in the order of their winnings, will select their winning prizes.

2. **GET GIFT CERTIFICATES:** We hope to have some of our favorite restaurants donate dinner certificates; however, we ask that each lodge member donate a special item that can also be provided as a prize for the winners' choosing.

I have included a two-page information sheet that can be used by you to contact restaurants and other businesses that you patronize to seek a gift certificate for the event. **PLEASE PRINT AS MANY AS YOU CAN USE.**

3. **BRING FINGER FOOD TO SHARE:** Finally, we will start and continue the evening with finger food snacks and beverages so that people can munch as they move around the gaming tables. A celebrity waitress will be available for food and beverage service so no need to leave the gaming tables.

“DON'T MISS THIS FUN FILLED EVENING – BRING FRIENDS AND RELATIVES TO THIS FUNDRAISER FOR COOLEY'S ANEMIA, ALZHEIMER'S, AUTISM AND LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS”



*Italian Heritage Lodge #2517
Order Sons of Italy in America
Fairfax County, Virginia*

January 19, 2017

**John F. Asiello Jr. Chairman,
Italian Heritage Lodge - Special Events
5306 Inverchapel Road
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Subject: Request for Gift Certificate

Dear Management,

On behalf of the Officers and members of the Italian Heritage Lodge #2517 Order Sons of Italy in America, we would like to request your support of our fundraising event for charity.

Our annual “Casino Night” fundraising event this year will be held on February 11, 2017. Last year the event was a huge success and we gave out “Gift Certificates” from restaurants and establishments as prizes which helped this to be a major financially rewarding charitable venture.

Our targeted charities for this year are Alzheimer’s disease, Cooley’s Anemia, Autism and Local Scholarships. It will be rewarding for you to know that 100% of all monies collected will go directly to these charities.

Support from our sponsors is the major reason for our organization’s financial ability to give generously to these charities and our members have been asked to patronize our sponsors, both verbally and in our published Newsletter “La Bandiera.”

We hope that you will provide a “Gift Certificate” in support of our Charities. One of our members will be contacting you soon should you desire to participate this year.

We thank you in advance for your generosity,

**John F. Asiello Jr.
Chairman, Special Events
(703 321-7840)**

CHARITY EVENT

Sponsored by the

Italian Heritage Lodge #2517

Enjoy yourself at our next fun event

“CASINO NIGHT”



Saturday February 11, 2017

Join us and have a great time playing our variation of CASINO games:
Stud Poker, Over & Under, Black Jack, Beat the Dealer and more.

**REMEMBER WE USE “PLAY MONEY” AND WINNERS RECEIVE GIFTS donated
by members and local businesses.**

This is a “Finger food event” fare, so bring your favorite hors d’oeuvres, finger food,
crackers, cheese bits and desserts.

The Lodge will have wine, soda, coffee, hot chocolate, homemade Egg Nog,
and the evening’s Signature Drink.

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall behind to St Leo’s Church on
Old Lee Highway in Fairfax.

Time: 6:30 PM - Games will start as soon as guests are ready
and then the real Fun begins.


Admission: \$5.00 donation for \$25 in Play Money (Purchase more as desired)

Charities: 100% of the proceeds support our charities such as
Alzheimer’s, Cooley’s Anemia, Autism and
Local Scholarships Programs.

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