



# La Bandiera

"The Banner"

Newsletter of:

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



## GIUGNO 2017

### MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

*Cari amici,*

On May 13<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Signor Lino Laudiero, a native of Naples, Italy who now resides in Virginia with his family. Lino was a former designer and principal owner of davanzatiusa, a 30+year old successful high-end manufacturer and importer of men's shoes and accessories from Naples, Italy. Lino is currently a principal of a private label company which produces Italian pasta and tomato products in San Clemente, Italy. After Barilla and DeCecco, GHIGI is the third largest pasta manufacturer in Italy. He shared his entrepreneur spirit and experiences with us, how he transitioned from the design and clothing business into the food industry, pasta manufacturing, as well as his life in Naples. He inserted much of his humor into stories of his Italian Catholic family and took questions as well. Lino graciously provided our guests and members with packages of GHIGI pasta in a variety of forms. Thanks to everyone who provided salads and delicious deserts for the evening.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia 35<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention is this weekend and I will be joined by several IHL members who will be traveling down to Richmond to see our fellow Virginia lodge brothers and sisters. Bob and Beverly Amante, together with their committee members, have put together a fun several days of meetings, events and meals.

**Grazie mille** to all those members who attended the May 13<sup>th</sup> dinner and donated items for the **Garden Basket** which IHL is preparing for the Convention silent auction this weekend. There were many nice items donated and certainly it makes a generous display of tools, gloves & sun hat, soil, and the like, for anyone ready to start their summer gardening.

Joe LaMarca has provided us with the finalized plans for this year's **City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade – July 4<sup>th</sup>**, which I hope everyone has placed on their calendars. 2017 will be IHL's 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of participating in the parade and I am happy to say that there has been an increase in participation recently which includes members, children, grandchildren and guests proudly representing our Italian-American heritage. It is quite exciting to be welcomed by the cheers of enthusiastic parade viewers which puts us in a celebratory and patriotic spirit. The parade route is a one-mile walk, or ride, through the City of Fairfax. The results have been well worth our efforts as it continues to promote the image of our viable organization and provides a platform for recruiting new members. All of the information is at the end of the newsletter, so please make note of the times and locations to meet. **Come early (8 a.m.) to help decorate cars, bikes and our truck!** If you have any questions, please call me at (703) 795-2231 or email me at colette.sciscilo@gmail.com.

I am happy to report that **Joe Signorelli** is recovering nicely from surgery and no doubt your many prayers and good wishes helped him and Renee pull through a very difficult time. I know that they are grateful for your concern. Immediate Past President **Dennis Lillo** has been struggling with a case of bronchitis that has kept him away from several meetings, lunches and events recently. Dennis we are all hoping for your return to good health very soon.....we need your competitive edge and excellent skills on the bocce court next week **and** we have definitely missed seeing you!

*Con affetto!*  
*Coletta*

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*Italian Cultural Corner*

*Submitted by Colette Sciscilo and Lucio D'Andrea*

***Festa della Repubblica*** ~ In a joint effort between local Italian organizations – Italian Heritage Lodge, Italian Heritage Society of Saint Mary of Sorrows Church, Abruzzo & Molise Heritage Society, Italian Heritage & Cultural Society of Nativity Church and Italian Genealogy Group – planning for next year's *Festa della Repubblica* has already begun. This year's celebration, however, will be hosted by IHCS of Nativity Church and will take place on **Thursday, June 29, 2017 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Nativity Church in Burke**. Dinner will be catered by Piero's Ristorante of Herndon. Catherine Flumiani, First Counselor of the Embassy of Italy, will offer remarks and the invited special guest will be LTG Flora Darpino, Judge Advocate General, US Army. Please contact Lucio D'Andrea at [ldandrea1933@comcast.net](mailto:ldandrea1933@comcast.net) for further information.

## SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

June 2-3	GLVA 35 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention	-----	Hilton Richmond Hotel
June 10	Bocce at the Lillo's (Pot Luck)	Noon – 4:00 p.m.	5104 Colebrook Place Alexandria, VA
June 14	Lunch Bunch (RSVP to Dennis Lillo)	Noon	Kilroy's 5250 Port Royal Road Springfield, VA
June 18	Father's Day	<i>Buona Festa del papà</i>	
June 21	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	George Mason Library
July 4	City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade	9:00 a.m.	City of Fairfax
July 19	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	George Mason Library
August 5-6	K of C Hall Clean Up		Knights of Columbus Hall @ St. Leo's
August	Annual Peach Picking	TBD	TBD
October 8	Annual Family Picnic	TBD	K of C Hall

### *JUNE BIRTHDAYS*

John Ingargiola	6/2
Sandy Schender	6/18
Sharon Hayman	6/20
Julie DeCerbo	6/21
Kerri Sciscilo	6/23
Omero Sabitini	6/26

*Buon  
Compleanno*



*Felice  
Matrimonio*

### *JUNE ANNIVERSARIES*

Russell & Karen DeRose	6/5
John & Nancy Tarlano	6/6
Fred & Maria Ingram	6/9
Sal & Diane Guli	6/22

# LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS



## JUNE LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday June 14 at noon at Kilroy's Restaurant located in the Ravensworth Shopping Center, Braddock Rd and the Beltway. A favorite serving great American fare. Call Dennis at [703-354-2454](tel:703-354-2454) or email to [delillo1@verizon.net](mailto:delillo1@verizon.net) if you plan on attending.

*June Bocce Event, hosted by Dennis and Eleanor Lillo:* Over the years, the Lillo's have graciously opened their home to IHL members and guests and hosted an afternoon of bocce competition, great food and fellowship. Most recently, "Bocce at the Lillo's" was on the agenda for the 2016 Outreach Weekend hosted by IHL. This event allowed not only IHL members to participate but included our brothers and sisters from Virginia Lodges attending the Outreach Weekend. Our bocce event this year will take place on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:00 p.m. with summer beverages and a pot luck luncheon. Their address is 5104 Colebrook Place, Alexandria, VA.

Our yearly "clean up" of St. Leo's Knights of Columbus hall will take place on **Saturday and Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**. If you are able to assist with this effort, please contact John Asiello at 703-321-7840 or by email: [jfasiello@aol.com](mailto:jfasiello@aol.com). Thank you in advance for taking time out of busy weekend schedules to give John a hand.

You may have noticed on our lodge events calendar that we have schedule the **Annual Family Picnic for Sunday, October 8 - Columbus Day Weekend**. So get this event on your calendar and we will update you with further information as the months go by and details are finalized. What better way to celebrate Italian-American Heritage Month?

*Independence Day Parade Information follows:*



# INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, CITY OF FAIRFAX

## INFORMATION FOR ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE MEMBERS & GUESTS

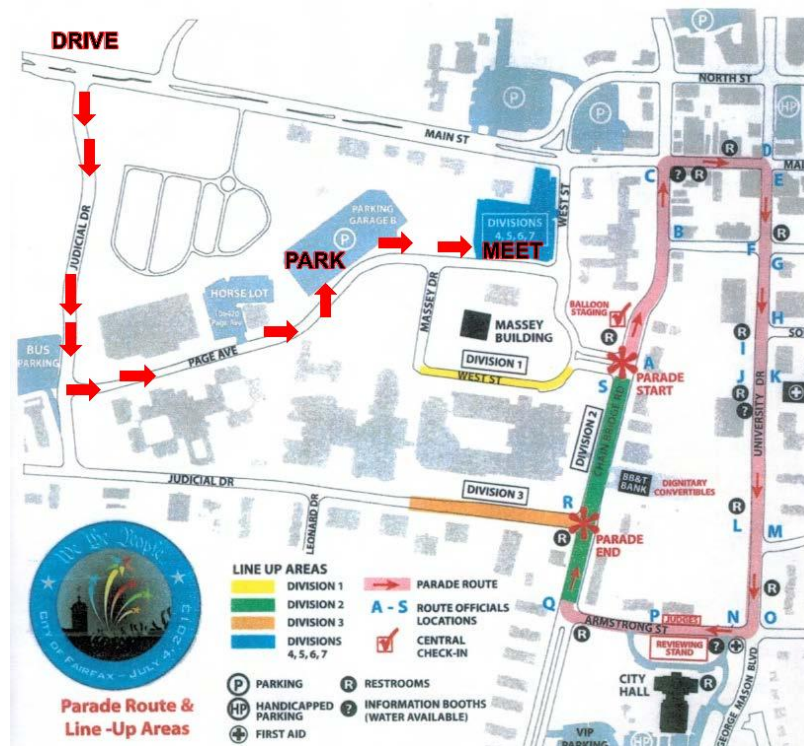
**Changes from last year:** 1) We are in a different division, so we must **meet an hour earlier, join the parade earlier, and finish earlier.** 2) After the parade **current lodge members who participate** in the parade are invited to the home of a fellow member to enjoy a **free lunch** and watch the parade replay together on television.

**What:** The highlight of the annual City of Fairfax Independence Day celebration is the well-attended parade. Our lodge will proudly participate in this huge event this year for the eleventh consecutive time.

**Why:** By participating in the celebration parade participants show **pride**, both in our nation and in the contribution to this great country by Italian-Americans. We also take advantage of an opportunity to obtain favorable publicity for our lodge, which helps in **recruiting** new members. Although the parade is very short, the experience offers fond memories and is lots of fun!

**When:** If you have a parade pass for your vehicle to be **IN the parade**, please arrive around **8 AM** so we can begin the decorations; if you arrive later than 9 AM, your vehicle will not be allowed in the parade. **If you are willing to help decorate**, please arrive around **8 AM**. **If you plan to walk or ride** in an authorized convertible or on the truck generously donated by R.E. Electric, but **not willing to help decorate**, arrive around **9 AM**. Expect traffic and detours on the way. If you are running late, come, anyway.

**Where:** See map, below. Enter the area by turning south from Rt. 236/Main Street onto Judicial Drive, then left unto Page Avenue. If your vehicle is not in the parade, **park (free) in Garage B on your left** then walk to the nearby meeting point, as indicated on the map, below. If not staying, you may **drop off your passengers closer to the meeting point**. If you have a pass to drive your vehicle in the parade, **bypass the parking garage, and follow the blue signs to the Divisions 4,5,6 outdoor parking lot** parade assembly area, where you will be directed to your assigned parking spot. We will be in **Division 4, Position #411** this year. We will meet in the big outdoor parking lot, where we can enjoy watching and meeting participants of many other parade units.





**Who:** **You** are invited, as well as anyone else you also invite to fill our parade unit's ranks. Please invite **your family, friends, and neighbors**; they **need NOT be of Italian ancestry**, as long as they appreciate Italian-American culture and have some U.S. patriotic pride to display. Participants must be at least six years old unless they ride in a decorated wheeled vehicle, such as a stroller or wagon. No pets, please. Guests must not display banners or signs that would indicate a different "unit" that would normally need to apply to the Fairfax parade committee to participate; your invitees will represent our lodge, which in itself represents the Italian American community. Of course your guests must not, in any anyway, be a potential source of embarrassment.

**How:** Since there will be vehicles in our unit, you and/or your guests may either walk or ride the leisurely one-mile parade route. Young children, however, are not be permitted aboard the truck. Participants who have difficulty walking will have priority to ride, although there is usually room for all; truck riders must sign a standard liability waiver before boarding. Walkers may distribute to spectators items that have been previously approved by the lodge council, but may not throw anything.


**Wear any Italian, Italian-American, or USA-themed clothing, or colors, red, white, blue, and/or green.** Of course, don't forget sunscreen and good walking shoes. Water has always been available, but you might bring some to be sure. Hopefully, you will not need an umbrella; so far, it has never rained during the times we have been on the parade route. We should be finished before typical daily summer heat and afternoon showers begin. (No promises, of course 😊)

To view a video clip of our unit passing the reviewing stand last year, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tw10watWUew&feature=youtu.be&t=4393>. For photos of our unit in the 10 prior years' parades, see <http://www.italianheritagelodge.org/parade2016/index.html> For a replay of this year's entire parade watch for it on Channel 12 (Verizon or Cox cable) and later on youtube.com. To purchase a CD of this year's parade, call 703-293-7120. To learn more about this and other events of the day's celebration in Fairfax, visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration>.

If you have any **questions** about participating in this fun and important event, please phone our lodge Parade Committee Chairman at 703-475-6962 (cell) or email [joe.lamarca@italianheritagelodge.org](mailto:joe.lamarca@italianheritagelodge.org).

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