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Newsletter of:

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



MAY 2016

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cari amici,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest members who have joined IHL in the past few months:

***Rose Candela, Joseph & Sharon Cardinale, Carol Cassella, Cindy Garanzini,  
Nancy Perrelli, Joseph & Teresa Scafetta, and Philip Spadano***

We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you all as we share in the events of our Lodge over the coming year. You will quickly find that our members and their families have become close friends who support each other and have a great time together.

Our **April 9th** evening event was flowing with food, wine and desserts and you all have my appreciation for providing our diners with an abundance of delicious choices. Our guest speaker, ***Linda Rita Peluzzo Townsend*** shared her memories and offered us a glimpse into her life with a photo presentation of her Italian ancestors, her beginnings as a performer, her adventures in the public eye, and successful entertainment achievements, as well as her endearing stories about well-known celebrities she has met or known throughout her career. I was honored and very proud to present Linda to our members as someone who successfully rose above Italian and Italian-American stereotypes portrayed in our society today. And along her way she has helped many others achieve success in their lives. I was told by many attending that her talk was very enjoyable and interesting. We had a bit of fun also with those who volunteered to "audition" for a commercial. Thank You Linda for a fun evening! At the end of the evening, Linda picked the winning ticket for our 50/50 and the prize went to our brand new member, ***Nancy Perrelli***. That's pretty good luck!

On Saturday, **May 14th** our Pot Luck dinner will honor the ladies of the Lodge. We are asking the men to cook or provide a dinner selection as well as clean up to give the ladies a well-deserved evening off. As an added treat, our Financial Sec. Roy Schender has volunteered to provide the music and start off the serenading with some of the most beautiful Italian songs we love so much. All of those who feel the urge to croon a bit please feel free to step up.

I am pleased to report that plans for our Outreach Weekend, **June 3-4-5**, have been moving along briskly. We have reached our goal and my thanks to all those who sent in their registration forms by the deadline. Our Lodge is proud to be hosting this fun weekend as a way to increase the friendships between our Virginia Lodges and our committee has put together a program that will be entertaining and enjoyable for everyone. Please email or call Dennis Lillo or Sal Guli if you have any questions.

***JULY 4TH, 2016*** – CITY OF FAIRFAX PARADE We have already begun planning for IHL's participation in the July Fourth City of Fairfax Parade. For many years now our members have walked and rode in the pleasant early morning summer weather to proudly represent our Italian-American heritage. Our commitment to be involved in decorating our cars, showing off the colors of both Italy and the US, and greet enthusiastic crowds is always in high gear. This year again we would like a large participation of adults and children (both family and friends) so please put this on your calendars. Our parade route is not too long and you will still be able to arrive home in time for BBQ's and cookouts with family and friends. We are indebted to Joe LaMarca and his team for once again arranging all of the details.

A Presto!

***Colette***

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## SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

May 4	Special Council Meeting	7:00 PM	Dennis Lillo Home
May 11	Lunch Bunch	12:00 PM	Brion's Grille Fairfax
May 14	Lodge Meeting / Pot Luck Dinner Honoring the Ladies	6:30 PM	At K of C
May 28	Italian Language Group	TBD	Contact Carlo Mignani
June 3	Outreach Weekend	6:00 PM	At Holiday Inn Express in Springfield
July 4	Independence Day Parade	9:00 AM	Fairfax City

- Got a fun idea for an upcoming lodge event? Contact John Ingargiola at johni6040@gmail.com with your idea and it just might happen!

## **ITALIAN CORNER**

*La Bella Figura* – An Italian Way of Life!

“La Bella Figura” The English translation is “the beautiful figure”. Of course when we think of Italian men and women who cut a beautiful figure, who comes to mind but Sophia Loren, Marcello Mastroianni and the like. Yet it is an essential philosophy that rules the lives of “gli italiani”. It can mean many things but at its core is presentation, how one looks, how one comports oneself, how one makes the best possible impression in all things. In Italy, a country that has been creating beauty for centuries, it is revered whether expressed through art, architecture or simply by the perfect cut of a suit. La bella figura comes down to always putting your best foot forward in every way you present yourself to the world.

## LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Italian Language Meeting Group** – The ILMG has been having fun and educational meetings recently including an outing on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to the Quattro Goomba Winery in Aldie. At the next meeting, **Saturday May 28**, they plan to have Mary Sue speak about a specific Region of Italy. Please let Carlo or Betsy Mignani [mignani@cox.net](mailto:mignani@cox.net) know if you are interested in the language meetings.

**2016 National Raffle** - The Order Sons of Italy in America will be holding a 2016 National Raffle. A Grand Prize of \$15,000 and Five Second Prizes of \$1,000 each will be awarded in August. Tickets prices are \$50 per ticket but can be split between several participants if desired. Raffle tickets will be available at our May 14th event – see your President to purchase.

**Independence Day parade in Fairfax City** - Mark your calendars for this event! The annual lodge participation as a unit in the parade is one of the most enjoyable events on our calendar. Moreover, if we have sufficient participants to promote the image of a viable organization, it provides a platform for recruiting new members. Because not all our members feel they have the health they need to participate in this outdoor event, we need EVERYONE who possibly can to be there to be there and to bring or send family members, friends, neighbors, and others you meet who would represent us well (whether of Italian heritage or not). The next newsletter will provide all details, but basically, plan to meet in the morning on July 4, around 9:00 AM, walk or ride our truck that Lee Electric will provide for the one-mile route, and be home shortly after noon.

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Joanne DeMarco May 1  
Salvatore Guli May 10  
John Asiello May 17

Frank Marcinkowski Sr. May 4  
June LaMarca May 10  
Cynthia Williams May 17  
Christopher Williams May 28

John Dovel May 23  
Joseph Scafetta May 10  
David Strong May 21



### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Roy & Sandy Schender May 11  
Gene & Carol LaColla May 15  
Kevin & Teresa Brady May 23  
Jerry & Julie DiCerbo May 28  
Arthur & Carol Aron May 30

### MAY LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on **Wednesday, May 11, 2016** at Brion's Grille located in the shopping center at Braddock and Route 123 in Fairfax. They serve a very nice buffet for a reasonable price. Call Dennis at 703-354-2454 or email at [delillo1@verizon.net](mailto:delillo1@verizon.net) if you plan to attend.

### \*\*\*SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*\*

Cari Amici,

Still not too late to send in your application for the **3-4-5 June, 2016** Outreach Weekend hosted by the IHL. We will have between 50 and 60 attendees at the Dinner/Entertainment on Saturday and over 40 at the Bocce/BBQ. The state scholarship awards will be presented to the three recipients at this event Saturday evening. Further details for this event are at page 4 of this Newsletter.

Grazie,

Dennis Lillo, Immediate Past President, Italian Heritage Lodge #2517



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**OUTREACH WEEKEND JUNE 3-4-5, 2016**  
**Registration Form**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please print legibly)**

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions please call Dennis Lillo at 703-963-3877

	<u># People</u>	<u>Total</u>
Outreach Weekend Registration Fee ( per person ) : <b>\$95.00</b>	_____	_____
Saturday night dinner and show only ( per person ) : <b>\$80.00</b>	_____	_____
Will you be staying at the hotel? Yes _____ No _____		
Will you be attending the Bocce/BBQ? Yes _____ # Attending _____ No _____		

**\$95** Registration Fee includes Friday night **Hospitality Suite** at the hotel **6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.**, Saturday event **"Bocce and barbecue at the Lillo's"** (5104 Colebrook Place, Alexandria, VA 22312) from **11:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.**, Saturday night **dinner and entertainment** at the hotel **6:00 P.M. - 11:30 P.M** plus all necessary documents.  
**\$80** Registration Fee includes Saturday night **dinner and entertainment** only.

Dinner will be a buffet featuring prime rib, Atlantic wood-fired salmon, dressed baked potato, grilled asparagus, Caesar salad, bread and butter, beverages and dessert.

Make checks payable to Italian Heritage Lodge #2517 and mail to: Dennis Lillo, 5104 Colebrook Place, Alexandria, VA 22312

**Hotel Information**

Holiday Inn Express Springfield 6401 Brandon Ave, Springfield VA 22150

**Registration deadline for hotel is May 3, 2016**

Room rates 06/03/2016 - 06/05/2016 are \$89 for King; \$99 for double Queen; and \$139 for a Suite plus 12% tax on all rooms. Includes full hot breakfast buffet, wireless internet, shuttle service to local mall and Metro, and free parking. Call for reservations at: 877-810-5191. Ask for Italian Heritage Lodge or IHL room block. Or register online. Please contact Dennis and he will send you the link for online registration.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR OUTREACH WEEKEND

**JUNE 3-4-5, 2016**

Friday, June 3: Hospitality Suite at Hotel: 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM featuring wine, beer, soda, water, coffee, tea and finger foods (Lincoln Room)

Saturday, June 4: "Bocce at the Lillo's" from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM featuring a 90 foot built-in crushed granite court lined with six by six wooden sides. Includes a traditional hotdog and hamburger barbecue with side salads. Come join in on the fun as anyone can play this game. And if you don't want to play it's just as much fun watching the games and enjoying the barbecue. (In case of inclement weather BBQ will be at the IHL K of C Hall)

Saturday, June 4: Dinner at Hotel (Lincoln Room) starting at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be a buffet featuring prime rib, Atlantic wood-fired salmon, dressed baked potato, grilled asparagus, Caesar salad, bread and butter. Includes wine, beer, water, coffee, tea and dessert.

Saturday, June 4: The entertainment we have planned is truly special. It features Jerry Cardone singing classic Frank Sinatra songs. Jerry Cardone is well known for his masterful tribute to Old Blue Eyes – one that has endeared him to a multitude of fans far and wide. His vocalizing, with his Sinatra-style of diction, phrasing and performance has amazed audiences at Madison Square Garden, Lincoln Center, the Waldorf Astoria, Tavern on the Green and the Russian Tea Room. In addition, Jerry has produced, directed and starred in several Cablevision Sinatra tributes which have been aired dozens of times. Whether it's a ballad or a swing tune, you're sure to enjoy Jerry's renditions as he pays homage to one of the 20th century's greatest entertainers. (Start time approximately 8:00 P.M. after dinner service is completed) (Lincoln Room)

Sunday, June 5: Quarterly Grand Lodge of Virginia State Meeting  
(Lincoln Room)

10:00 - 11:00 Virginia OSIA Foundation Meeting

10:30 - 11:00 State Presidents Cabinet Meeting

11:00 - 12:30 Grand Council Meeting

( Aside from the usual attendees, the Sunday Quarterly Grand Lodge of Virginia State Meeting is open to all Outreach Weekend participants who care to attend )



Jerry Cardone

"Ole Brown Eyes Sings Ole Blue Eyes"

## Things to do in the Alexandria and Washington, D.C. Area

Obviously, there are numerous historic sites, museums and entertainment possibilities available to you while you are visiting the area during the Outreach Weekend. Simply type in "Things to do in Alexandria VA" or "...Washington D.C." in your smart phone or other device and a wealth of information will appear. A few of the more popular ones are listed below.

### In Alexandria

Visit George Washington's home at Mount Vernon  
The George Washington Masonic Temple  
The Torpedo Factory Art Center  
Old Town Alexandria with its shops and restaurants  
The Woodlawn Mansion  
Greenspring Gardens

### In Washington, D.C.


The many memorials including the Viet Nam Memorial, the Washington Monument, the World War II Memorial, and those dedicated to Lincoln, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Martin Luther King.

The many museums that are part of the Smithsonian like the always popular Air and Space Museum and the Museum of Natural History. Visit the Tidal Basin with its famous Cherry Trees (not in bloom in June), the National Mall, the Washington National Cathedral or the National Zoo with the new baby panda Bae Bae.

Many ground and water tours are available both in Alexandria and Washington, D.C. If you do plan on taking a tour it would be best to make arrangements in advance of your attendance at the Outreach Weekend.

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