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Carissimi amici,

Just recently the April 2017 issue of *Voce Italiana* was given to me for my reading pleasure, which was most certainly true, but it also sparked some fun and interesting conversations with my 89 year-old momma who is visiting with me from New Jersey. In two articles about Holy Rosary's annual Fr. DeCarlo Breakfast and a 1971 Tony Bennett concert to benefit Villa Rosa, momma recalled many of the familiar names mentioned and her memories of Holy Rosary's first pastor, Fr. De Carlo, who baptized me, married her and my dad, her parents and various other relatives at Holy Rosary Church. Not to mention the picture of the demolition of the rectory as well as various mentions about "The Lido Club" to which her father was a member in its beginning years, and her brother and my dad were officers and members for many years. (I remember those days very vividly when my older brother and I were allowed to attend Lido Club formal events.) I love to hear her stories about her immigrant father and Italian-American mother who dedicated themselves to help furnish Villa Rosa back in the day by sewing curtains for the windows, purchasing items to furnish the retirement home and helping the home get up and running. How lovely to have these memories passed on, especially when these institutions are still vibrant and local to us.

May 13 – Dinner and Speaker – On May 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall, we will present Signor Lino Laudiero, a native of Naples, Italy and a former principal owner of *davanzatiusa*, a 30+year old successful high-end manufacturer and importer of men's shoes and accessories from Naples, Italy. Signor Laudiero is currently a principal of a private label company which produces Italian pasta and tomato products in San Clemente, Italy, not far from Rimini. After Barilla and DeCecco, GHIGI is the third largest pasta manufacturer in Italy. Signor Laudiero will share his entrepreneur spirit and experiences with us, the ins and outs of pasta manufacturing, as well as his favorite pasta recipe. Food and beverages will be provided so please assist us by bringing salads, bread and desserts. Lino will also "judge" your favorite "authentic Italian" recipe, either an entrée or dessert, so please let Colette know if you wish to submit a dish.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia has asked all lodges to donate baskets of items to be auctioned off at the June convention. Our lodge has decided to create a "**Garden Basket**". If you can donate any items in this theme, please bring them to the **May 13th dinner meeting**. Items such as garden tools, gloves, bulbs, are great, but we also suggest cookbooks for summer vegetable dishes, canning jars, etc.

Please place the **City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade – July 4th** event on your calendars. Information will be forthcoming but it is time now to start planning to attend the fun event.

Finally, I am requesting your prayers and good wishes for our member **Joe Signorelli** who fell ill recently. I will send an update as soon as possible.

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 a future *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.*** There will be a modest fee and all details will be forthcoming in the next Newsletter.

SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

May 10	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Pazzo Pomodoro, Vienna
May 13	Dinner and talk By Lino Laudiero	6:30 p.m.	St. Leo K of C Hall
May 17	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	George Mason Library
June 2-3	35 th Biennial Convention	-----	Hilton Richmond Hotel
June 10	Bocce at the Lillo's	Noon – 4 p.m.	5104 Colebrook Place Alexandria, VA
June 21	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	George Mason Library
July 4	City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade	TBD	City of Fairfax

MAY BIRTHDAYS

<i>Joanne DeMarco</i>	<i>May 1</i>
<i>Sal Guli</i>	<i>May 10</i>
<i>June LaMarca</i>	<i>May 10</i>
<i>Joseph Scafetta, Jr.</i>	<i>May 10</i>
<i>John Asiello</i>	<i>May 17</i>
<i>Cynthia Williams</i>	<i>May 17</i>
<i>David Strong</i>	<i>May 21</i>
<i>John Dovel</i>	<i>May 23</i>
<i>Yolanda Pelosi</i>	<i>May 26</i>
<i>Chris Williams</i>	<i>May 28</i>

*Buon
Compleanno*



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Roy & Sandy Schender</i>	<i>May 11</i>
<i>Gene & Carol LaColla</i>	<i>May 15</i>
<i>Jack & Roni McVickar</i>	<i>May 16</i>
<i>Kevin & Teresa Brady</i>	<i>May 23</i>
<i>Jerry & Julie DiCerbo</i>	<i>May 28</i>

*Felice
Matrimoni*

LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS



MAY LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday April 10 at noon at the Pazzo Pomodoro restaurant located at 118 Branch Rd in Vienna. A new place for us, Pazzo Pomodoro is characterized as a warm, checkered tablecloth Italian eatery with a nice assortment of familiar Italian dishes and specialty pizzas. Call Dennis at [703-354-2454](tel:703-354-2454) or email at delillo1@verizon.net so he may include you in the reservation.

White Elephant Sale -- Our yearly White Elephant Sale took place on **Saturday, April 8th** as a "Spring Cleaning" auction. Many more items than expected were donated for auctioning and ultimately for the benefit of our lodge. **June LaMarca** and **Roy Schender**, as in the past, once again did a fantastic job of personalizing each item to make a sure sale! Their amazing talent and the way they complement each other is truly an art. This year, **Judy McCloskey** lent her expertise in assisting with the set up and grouping of the items for a more interesting sale and for the ease of auctioning at the best prices. We were also able to auction off several donated gift certificates remaining from Casino Night which will be added to our charities. *Bravo* to all for your generosity in donating items, purchasing them, as well as 50/50 raffle tickets and gift certificates. It was a really fun night and one that was remarkably successful.

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

IHL Delegates to the June Convention have been registered, lodge ads have been placed in the program book, State Award nominations have been submitted and all other information has been given to our council members in anticipation of the 35th Biennial Convention. I know that much preparation has been made by the Grand Lodge members in charge and they have assured those attending a great weekend. In just the past year I have met some wonderful OSIA/Virginia lodge members and once again I look forward to seeing our fellow lodge brothers and sisters as I know our other delegates do as well.


The deadline for submitting applications for the 2017 Virginia OSIA Foundation Scholarship Awards has passed and I am pleased to report that one application from IHL was submitted. Three academic excellence-based scholarships are to be awarded, each in the amount of \$1,000, and we would like to wish good luck to Emily Borkowski, daughter of Carol Cassella. Please let the President know if other applications were submitted of which she may be unaware.

Buona Fortuna Emily!



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