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



OCTOBER 2016 / PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Cari amici,

This month we celebrate two important events, namely we honor Christopher Columbus and observe Italian American Heritage Month. Both seek to instill in all of us a genuine appreciation of our Italian heritage and American citizenship, as well as an opportunity to honor those ancestors who came before us. We must preserve this great Italian culture, with its traditions and values, ever so mindful of our duty to pass on to our children and future generations the love of family and country and most of all, pride in our Italian heritage.

This weekend's Pot Luck Dinner, Meeting and Speaker will feature our Past President, Omero Sabatini. Omero will revive his presentation from 15 years ago on what might be little known in this country, but is Italy's greatest novel, *I Promessi Sposi* by Alessandro Manzoni. In 2001, Omero published a translation of this novel and presented it to our lodge members with great interest and it seems that, since this story of love and fidelity is a timeless and universal tale, presenting it again seemed appropriate. Omero will also offer his softcover and hardcover books for sale during the evening.

2016 is turning into a "MUSCO" kind of year! Tony turned 90 in January and also celebrated his and Jane's 70th wedding anniversary in September. After retiring from 68 years of Little League volunteer umpiring at the age of 90, Tony was chosen to throw out the first pitch in this year's Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA. Dennis Lillo has penned an awesome article about Tony and Jane that will be published in the next issue of *Il Gionale*. Congratulations Tony and Jane for a full and loving life together. We hope you are looking forward to a relaxing retirement from baseball, Tony!



I would like to take this opportunity to address the **Virginia OSIA Scholarship Foundation**. Each year three scholarships are given out in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. Both the Virginia OSIA Foundation and the Joseph Fulton scholarships are awarded to students who are seeking a degree in a Virginia college or university. The Grand Lodge of Virginia scholarship is awarded to a student seeking a degree from an accredited community college or degree-seeking college or university in Virginia. The applicant must not reside in Virginia, but must apply to a Virginia college or university to be considered. I encourage our members to pass on this information to your children and/or grandchildren, and family members who would benefit from this scholarship. For more information, please contact Kathy Drummond of the Virginia OSIA Foundation at www.vaosia.org/scholarships

A Presto!
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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

October 8	Pot Luck Dinner & Speaker	6:30 PM	St. Leo K of C Hall
October 12	Lunch Bunch	Noon	House of Dynasty, Alexandria
October 19	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	George Mason Library, Annandale
October 22	Walk-A-Thon for Charity	11:00 AM	Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax
November 9	Lunch Bunch	Noon	TBD
November 12	Pot Luck Dinner And Food Pantry Drive	6:30 PM	St. Leo K of C Hall
November 16	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	George Mason Library, Annandale
December 3	Christmas Party	6:00 PM	St. Leo K of C Hall

LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS



OCTOBER LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet at the House of Dynasty Chinese Restaurant at noon on Wednesday, October 12th, 2016. It is located in the Hayfield Shopping Center, 7550 Telegraph Rd, Alexandria, VA 22315. If you enjoy Szechuan cuisine this is the restaurant for you with many excellent Szechuan specialties to choose from. Their hot and sour soup is outstanding. They also have a variety of Hunan specialties as well as standard dishes like beef with broccoli and shrimp in lobster sauce. My particular favorite is their Peking Duck with plum sauce and scallions served in oversized pancakes. Delicious. So come and join your fellow IHLers for a wonderful eating experience. Call Dennis at [703-354-2454](tel:703-354-2454) or email at delillo1@verizon.net so he may include you in the reservation.

Italian Language Meeting Group - Please let Carlo or Betsy Mignani (mignani@cox.net) know if you are interested in the language meetings. Carlo also tutors the Italian language and his ad is located on our advertisement page of the Newsletter.

SIF Earthquake Relief Fund - To date, IHL members have individually donated \$500 to the Sons of Italy Foundation Earthquake Relief Fund and, at the last accounting, the Foundation has raised approximately \$37,000. This relief effort is ongoing so donations can be made at anytime. The Foundation will inform us when plans are finalized as to the particular effort they will undertake, be it restoration of a school, church, etc. Grazie mille per la vostra generosità.

Through the good efforts of Tony Musco, we have purchased good looking hats with our logo proudly displayed. The hats are white with either a red or green brim. We will have them displayed for purchase at events throughout the year. Any profit we make from their sale will be donated to the SIF Earthquake Relief Fund. Thanks Tony!

Welcome NEW MEMBERS Judy McCloskey, Jeff Sciscilo and Kerri Sciscilo !!!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Laura Asiello	Oct. 6
Kevin Brady	Oct. 8
Marisa Scala	Oct. 11
Paul Aligood	Oct. 13
Margo Shiffert	Oct. 14
Rose Candela	Oct. 19
Bruno Diconi	Oct. 21
Dolly Dougherty	Oct. 22
Colette Sciscilo	Oct. 22



*Buon
Compleanno*

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



Ken & Carol Ann Linder	Oct. 4
Frank & Susan Bonsiero	Oct. 6
Joe & June LaMarca	Oct. 6
Chris & Cynthia Williams	Oct. 8
Peter & Kathleen Ognibene	Oct. 10
David & Laura Strong	Oct. 18
Arthur & Gloria Moscatello	Oct. 22

An invitation has been extended to IHL members from the George Washington Lodge to join their members for a Columbus Day Luncheon Celebration this Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. The luncheon will take place at the Giardino Italian Restaurant, 8944 Burke Lake Road (Kings Park Shopping Center), West Springfield, VA. If you are interested in joining the celebration, please contact President Jim Cocco by Friday, October 7th, at (703) 980-6575 or email him at jwcocco@riverstarpro.com.

NIAF Expo italiana - Vice President John Ingargiola passes on this information for anyone interested in spending the day doing all things Italian. The Gala Weekend and Expo takes place on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 14-16th at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in D.C. and features Italian films, food, exhibits, bocce, wine tastings, entertainers, and much, much more, concluding with High Mass in Italian at Holy Rosary Church, Sunday, October 16th at 10:30 a.m. Please visit the website for more information and the Gala schedule. If you are able to attend, we will expect a full report at our next lodge meeting!

<http://www.niaf.org/events/niaf-41st-anniversary-gala/niaf-41st-weekend-schedule/>

Walk-A-Thon - Under separate email all information and the contribution form were sent to all members for this year's charity fundraiser. A form is also included in the Newsletter. Please be generous when considering a contribution for any of these charities. If you are able to walk with us and/or join our group for lunch on October 22nd at Fair Oaks Mall, we look forward to seeing you!

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



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SUBJECT: Walk-A-Thon for Cooley’s Anemia, Alzheimer’s and Autism

A primary function of the Italian Heritage Lodge (IHL) of Fairfax is to act as a fraternal organization to benefit our community. One of the ways we accomplish this each year is to donate funds to three specific charities ---- Cooley’s Anemia, Alzheimer’s, and Autism. This year, our members will participate in a Walk-A-Thon on **Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 11:00 AM** at Fair Oaks Mall as a fundraiser for these charities. We ask that you donate \$10, \$20 or whatever you can afford to support these worthy causes. All funds collected will be donated through the Grand Lodge of Virginia Foundation, Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), to one of the above-mentioned charities.

Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Virginia Foundation. Please mail your fully tax deductible contributions to:

**Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517
 C/O Mr. Dennis Lillo
 5104 Colebrook Place
 Alexandria VA 22312**

Keep a copy of the form below as your receipt and include the name of the charity you wish to support on the memo line on your check. I want to thank you in advance for your generosity and your support for our charitable causes.

Mille grazie,

Coletta Sciscilo, President, IHL


Receipt: Grand Lodge of Virginia Foundation, Order Sons of Italy in America
 5352 Sir Barton Drive
 Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Cooley ’s Anemia	_____	Amount	_____
Alzheimer’s	_____	Amount	_____
Autism	_____	Amount	_____

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