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



SEPTEMBER 2016 / PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cari amici,

As we squeak out the last bit of our summer vacations and settle into the notion of the coming Fall season, my thoughts are with all our members who have traveled and returned safely to us, discovered new and interesting trails, beaches or far away places, celebrated milestones, welcomed new family members, renewed old friendships, or even threw out the first pitch in the Little League World Series! We welcome back Bruno and Marisa Diconi after their long stay in Venice, who jumped right back into our August Lunch Bunch, and our newest members Robert and Veronica Reed. Despite our inability to pick local peaches this year, our August get-together was a welcome retreat to beautiful Cana Vineyards and Winery followed by a delicious luncheon at the historic Blackthorne Inn. The Sunday afternoon ride through Middleburg and surrounding areas was picturesque to say the least. Thank you to our hosts Shane and Liz O'Connor as well as to John and Laura Asiello for making the arrangements. I am grateful and very proud of our Lodge members who have supported me so far this year, always with a smile and kind words, offers of assistance, and genuine joy in the successful outcome of all events we sponsor.

ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC – Please make a note that the date for our family picnic is fast approaching and will be held **NEXT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1:00 – 4:00 PM**. See more detailed information in this newsletter for the location, cost, menu items and how to RSVP. John Asiello is the man in charge; he will require and is seeking many volunteers to set up and tear down as well as help with food preparation. We want to see you and your families, friends and guests sharing the afternoon with us enjoying John's famous Italian sausage and peppers (both hot and mild), hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill with many delicious sides and plenty of cold drinks. Please call John at **703-585-7936** to volunteer and also RSVP. His email address is **JFAsiello@aol.com** but he will not have access to a computer until September 3rd; he asks that you leave your email message anyway and he will respond as soon as possible.

At the October 8th Pot Luck Dinner, our former President, Omero Sabatini, will speak about Italy's greatest novel, *I Promessi Sposi*, which he translated in 2001 and first presented to our lodge, and sold a few copies as well. Having been well received at that time, Omero has graciously offered once again to make another presentation to new and current members, many of whom have expressed a great desire and interest in this topic. *Grazie* Omero for sustaining our interests in Italian culture and literature.

Let's get serious about some fundraising! It is my desire and honor to celebrate my birthday, **October 22nd**, participating in our annual Walk-A-Thon at a local mall as a charitable fundraiser. I invite you all to **walk with your President** to do some good for the heart and for others. A flyer with details regarding the Walk-A-Thon is contained in this Newsletter. **You do not have to participate in the Walk-A-Thon to make a contribution** and we will continue to accept your donations after the **October 22nd** date. Remember, none of your annual dues goes towards charities as it is primarily used to pay for our membership in OSIA. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year so please be generous as all of the contributions will go to the support of our charities. Last year we brought in about \$750 through this effort. Let's try to top that this year. Periodic updates will be sent out on the amount of funds received.

A Presto!
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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

September 10	Annual Family Picnic	1:00 – 4:00 PM	St. Leo K of C Hall
September 21	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Jaipur Indian Restaurant Fairfax, VA
September 21	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	George Mason Library, Annandale
October 8	Pot Luck Dinner	6:30 PM	St. Leo K of C Hall
October 12	Lunch Bunch	Noon	TBD
October 19	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	George Mason Library, Annandale
October 22	Annual Walk-A-Thon	11:00 AM	TBD
November 9	Lunch Bunch	Noon	TBD
November 12	Pot Luck Dinner	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



SEPTEMBER LUNCH BUNCH

The "Lunch Bunch" will meet at noon on Wednesday, September 21 at the Jaipur Indian Restaurant, 9401 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031. Jaipur features an excellent buffet with a wide variety of Indian specialties at a reasonable price. Please come and join your fellow IHL members for what has always been a fantastic eating experience. Call Dennis at 703-354-2454 or email at delillo1@verizon.net if you plan on attending 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.

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 the picnic and other functions throughout the year. Thanks Tony, let's hope you wore one when you threw out the first pitch at the Little League World Series !

Welcome NEW MEMBERS Robert and Veronica Reed !!!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Garanzini	September 3
Joseph Cardinale	September 5
Joe LaMarca	September 6
David Asiello	September 9
Nancy Perelli	September 17
Patricia Schlener	September 19
John Innello	September 20
Jerry Dicerbo	September 30



*Buon
Compleanno*

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



David and Michelle Asiello
Joseph & Sharon Cardinale
Michael & Joanne Demarco
Bruno and Marisa Diconi
Tony and Jane Musco

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

LODGE PICNIC – September 10, 2016

The lodge will hold its annual picnic on the grounds of the Knights of Columbus hall behind St. Leo's Church from 1:00 to 4:00 Saturday September 10th. This event serves as our regular lodge meeting for September. For planning purposes, John Asiello would like a head count in advance of those coming and some VOLUNTEERS to help set up starting at 9:00 AM. If you can help, RSVP to John at 703 321 7840 or email jfasiello@aol.com . Come enjoy the fun, food and games (test your bocce skills etc.). Here are the details:

Date: Saturday September 10th

Time: 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Place: K of C grounds, St. Leo's Catholic Church, Fairfax

Menu: Sausage, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers with all the trimmings
Antipasto Salad
Green Bean Salad
Baked Beans
Pasta Salad



Beverages: Beer, Wine, Iced Tea, Soda and Bottled Water

Dessert: Watermelon

Cost: \$15 per adult, \$5 per child ages 6 to 12
Not to exceed \$35 per family in the same household

Note: Extended Family, Friends and Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.
The "Same Household" rule (not to exceed \$35 per family) applies to them as well.

Volunteer needed:

Outside Setup: – Tents, Chairs, Tables, Bocce Court, Grill, Buffet tables, Condiment table, Coolers for beverages and Bar table.

Inside Setup: - Prep Food - Salad, Sausage with peppers and onions, Green bean Salad, Pasta Salad, and Bake Beans. Hall with some chairs and tables.

Cleanup: All who are available at the end of the picnic.



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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 a local 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	_____
Date:			

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