



La Bandiera

"The Banner"
Newsletter of:
THE ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE #2517
Order Sons of Italy in America



OTTOBRE 2017 MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

Cari amici,

This month we observe two important events, Christopher Columbus Day and Italian – American Heritage Month. Let both instill in us a genuine appreciation of our Italian Heritage and American citizenship, as we take opportunities to honor our ancestors who came before us and preserve our great Italian heritage.

Let me first take this opportunity to welcome our six new members that have very recently joined the Italian Heritage Lodge.

*Linda Moran
Mario and Judith Palmiotto
Gloria Moscatello
Robin Thompson and Sara Peroni*

Some of you may recall meeting Sara and her granddaughter Robin at a recent event. Sara is 100 years old and truly a lovely lady. I hope that you will all have a chance to meet her soon as well as each one of our new members. And I want to especially thank our members for making the effort to encourage new membership. Benvenuti a tutti !

At our September meeting we celebrated our Italian Heritage, Culture and Ancestry. We are all grateful to those who shared some wonderful and heartwarming memories of parents, grandparents, families and travels. The stories, as well as the many mementos on display, were wonderful ways to express sentiments of our youth. It was very clear to me that these memories and traditions hold special places in our hearts. Thanks to all for the delicious dinner and desserts. Prizes went to Dennis Lillo for his ever-famous homemade Biscotti and to Carol Goldstone for her Shrimp and Pasta Salad.

At the end of this Newsletter, you can find all of the information regarding Sunday's picnic. PLEASE RSVP to me or John Asiello as we need a headcount. Payments can be made upon arriving at the picnic. I am happy to announce that, after extending invitations to the several Italian Heritage Societies in our area, the response has been positive. We welcome our Italian-American brothers and sisters and hope that this will be the first of many opportunities to share our unique friendships. See you next Sunday!

Please keep in your prayers our Publicity Chairman and Past President Joe LaMarca who is recovering from a recent health concern. With June's vigilant care, we know that Joe will be back taking golf swings and attending our events very soon. On a related note, I would like to report that Marianne Hallahan, Diana Guli, Tony Musco, John Asiello, Joe Signorelli and Bob Amante are all doing well in their various surgeries and health issues. I have had the opportunity very recently to spend some time with each of them and can say they are all in good spirits and their recoveries are progressing nicely. Thank you all for extending your kindness and concern for them if you have reached out to them in your cards, telephone calls, offers of assistance, or even just keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

*Con affetto!
Coletta*

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

October 8	Annual Family Picnic	1:00 – 4:00 P.M.	St. Leo Knights of Columbus Hall & Grounds
<i>October 9</i>	<i>COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY</i>		
October 11	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Outback Restaurant 6651 Backlick Road, Springfield
October 18	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
October 21	Walk-A-Thon & Lunch	11:00 A.M.	Fair Oaks Mall
<i>November 11</i>	<i>VETERANS DAY</i>		
	Monthly Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive Annual ECHO Fundraiser	6:30 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Hall
November 15	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale

November 23

THANKSGIVING DAY

December 9

Festa di Natale
Annual ECHO Fundraiser

6:00 P.M.

Knights of Columbus Hall

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Laura Asiello 10/6
Kevin Brady 10/8
Marisa Scala 10/11
Paul Alligood 10/13
Rose Candela 10/19
Bruno DiConi 10/21
Dolly Dougherty 10/22
Colette Sciscilo 10/22
Joe Signorelli 10/27
Joseph Scafetta, III 10/28

*Buon
Compleanno*



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kenneth & Carol Ann Linder 10/4
Joe & June LaMarca 10/6
Frank & Susan Bonsiero 10/6
Chris & Cynthia Williams 10/8
Peter & Kathleen Ognibene 10/10
David & Laura Strong 10/18
Cyrus & Jessica Rev and 10/18
Art & Gloria Moscatello 10/22

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LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS



OCTOBER LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, October 11, at noon, at the Outback Restaurant located at 6651 Backlick Road, Springfield. Outback has been consistent in sponsoring our Casino Night with gift cards and also provided the food our Outreach Weekend dinner. Please let Dennis know if you plan to attend so he can include you in the reservation. Call him at [703-354-2454](tel:703-354-2454) or email Dennis at delillo1@verizon.net.

Next weekend is not only our annual Family Lodge Picnic, but also Columbus Day weekend. If you are not aware of the increasingly serious sentiments in which U.S. citizens are looking to change or discontinue the holiday, and you are interested in reading much of the material I am receiving on this subject, please let me know and I will be happy to forward these items to you. The National Christopher Columbus Association is sponsoring an event at the Christopher Columbus Memorial, Columbus Plaza, Union Station, Washington, D.C. on Monday, October 9. The program begins at 11:00 a.m. and includes "The President's Own" Marine Band, US Joint Armed Forces Honor Guard, Columbus Day Proclamations, and Wreath presentations, to name a few of the features on the program.

Coming up.....

October, November and December will be months where IHL will be doing some fundraising and I will be asking our members to reach into your pockets to assist with a few charities. October 21 is our yearly Walk-A-Thon to raise money for our three charities – Autism, Cooley's Anemia and Alzheimer's. We will have a short walk through the Fair Oaks Mall, ending with lunch together. If you are unable to participate/walk, please though make your donation with the attached form before December 31, 2017. Our Food Pantry donations have now become an annual fundraiser during our November meeting. You all have been very generous in the last two years in donating boxed, packaged and canned goods for the House of Mercy Food Pantry and I hope you will continue to do so. During our November and December events, Dot Saia will reach out to you for donations for Christmas Dinner Gift Certificates for ECHO families. Since IHL/OSIA is a fraternal organization, we pride ourselves on helping our communities in need and I have not been disappointed in your generosity and concern for others less fortunate than ourselves. Please take these upcoming opportunities to carefully consider your donations and how best to assist others.

ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE
ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017
* RAIN OR SHINE *

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 on *Sunday, October 8th*. This event serves as our regular lodge meeting for October so be sure to come out and enjoy the event. 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 him at jfasiello@aol.com. Come enjoy the fun, food and games (test your bocce skills, etc.). Here are the details:

Date: Sunday October 8th

Time: 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Place: Knights of Columbus grounds
Behind St. Leo's Catholic Church, Fairfax

Menu:

Italian Sausage & Peppers
Hot Dogs and 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, Apple Crisp with Ice Cream

Cost: \$15 per adult, \$5 per child ages 6 to 12 (PAY AT THE DOOR)
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.

RSVP: John Asiello - 703-321-7840 / JFASIELLO@AOL.COM

****** Volunteers Are Needed ******

Outside Setup:

Tents, Chairs, Tables, Grill,
Buffet Tables, Condiment Table,
Coolers for Beverages, Bar
Table, Bocce Court

Inside Setup:

Prep Food - Salad, Sausage with
Peppers and Onions, Pasta Salad,
Green Bean Salad, Baked Beans
Hall - 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 21, 2017 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. **Donations should be submitted before December 31, 2017 for inclusion in our 4th Quarter contributions.**

***Make checks payable to the Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax, #2517. Funds will be collected and forwarded to the Virginia OSIA 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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