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*The Banner
Newsletter of
The Italian Heritage Lodge #2517
Fairfax, Virginia
Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America*

LUGLIO 2025
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA

Cari amici,

Happy Birthday America! Wishing everyone a safe and fun filled 4th of July holiday!

This past month we lost two long time IHL members, Fred Michaelangelo and Marianne Hallahan.

I knew Fred and Roz from them being frequent customers at Esposito's Pizza and Pasta. Fred was a charming man, kind and a fabulous husband and father to nine children. At his Mass and reception, you couldn't help but feel the overwhelming love everyone had for him. Such a wonderful man; he will be missed by so many.

Later in the month we lost Marianne. While she had been sick no one was prepared for her passing so quickly. Marianne had been an active participant in most IHL events and served in several lodge and state roles. She was a big help to me in the kitchen. A mother of two and a grandmother, a nurse by profession, but her passion was dancing, predominately ballroom. Very active in the ballroom dance community she had many friends and often participated in dance events. Please keep Fred and Marianne and their families in your prayers.

Maria Carolla's father, Russ, is currently undergoing some serious health challenges. Please keep Russ and the entire Carolla family in your prayers.

There is some good news.....Vivian Mott had a baby girl, Stella Grace, on June 6, 2025. We can't wait to meet baby Stella. Auguri Mama!

June was busy with both the Bocce Picnic at the Lillo's and the Veteran's Cooking Class with Chef Nick. Great pictures of the two fun, successful events.

This Sunday we will celebrate the 4th with our annual Independence Day Brunch. The menu is included in this newsletter so please check it out. On July 20, we'll show the movie "Nonnas" with a pizza and salad lunch. I hope to see you all at these two events.

*Keep cool and remember pets do not like fireworks.
Please keep them safe and secure.*

*Best,
Dawn*



IL CALENDARIO

2 luglio	Executive Council Meeting*	6:30 p.m.	Kilroy's 5250a Port Royal Road
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4 luglio	<i>Happy Independence Day</i>
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6 luglio	Independence Day Brunch**	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	K of C Hall
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20 luglio	Afternoon Matinee** “Nonnas”	Noon – 3:00 p.m.	K of C Hall
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(TBD) agosto	Italian Bingo**	TBD	K of C Hall
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21 settembre	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 a.m.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
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* RSVP to Dawn Falsinotti (falsinotti@yahoo.com)

** RSVP to Steve Kramer (steven.kramer52@gmail.com)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Ray Stoll	July 2
Carol Ann Linder	July 27



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Teresa & Joseph Scafetta Jr.	July 4
Tess & Jeff Sciscilo	July 6
Donna & Ray Stoll	July 21
Kerri & John Farrell	July 28

*We pray for the repose of the souls of two of our long-time members
who passed away this month,*

Fred Michaelangelo and Marianne Hallahan.

*These members were two amazing people to their families and their
friends, kind, and always joyful about life and especially about their
Italian heritage.*

Riposate in pace, Fred e Marianne.

Happy Independence Day!

*Join us as we celebrate our nation's independence with your IHL
brothers and sisters, their families and friends. Our brunch festivities
are a great way to observe the greatness of our nation.*

*Sunday, July 6th
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
K of C Hall
Cost: \$15.00/person*

**Mozzarella Caprese
Lox and Bagels
Italian Frittata
French Toast Casserole
Mimosa and Bellini**

**Breakfast Sausage
Tortellini Salad
Fresh Fruit
Assorted Desserts**



RSVP: Steve Kramer – steven.kramer52@gmail.com



***Afternoon Matinee & Luncheon
Sunday, July 20th
Noon – 3:00 p.m.***

Come join your lodge friends for an afternoon matinee of “Nonnas” featuring Vince Vaughn, Lorraine Bracco, Susan Sarandon, Talia Shire and others.

This 2025 film is based on the life of Joe Scaravella, the owner of Staten Island (New York City) restaurant Enoteca Maria, who risks everything to honor his recently deceased, beloved mother by opening an Italian restaurant with actual grandmothers as chefs.

Look for details coming soon for the pre-matinee luncheon, featured menu and cost.

Carissimi tutti,

We enjoyed our June *Cena e Conversazione* on Saturday, June 28th at the well-decorated home of Francesca Mazzarella. Fran and I co-hosted this month’s gathering, and I do believe we did an OK job and worked well together. 😊

Dinner guests also included: Nannette and Gerry, Joe and June, Kathleen and Peter. We enjoyed a potluck of yummy sesame pasta with veggies, green salad with homemade vinaigrette, chicken piccata, and farmers market pane rustica. The evening started with guests enjoying a special “Aperol Spritz punch” and cheese and olive appetizers. We then moved to Fran’s designer candle-lit table for *Cena*. After eating we each shared favorite movie reviews in Italian, as well as June’s crazy passport story. The evening ended with a dessert of berries, gelato, biscotti and eclairs. In the end, we all connected to our shared Italian love of culture, language and heritage.

Looking forward to the next one!

Ciao,
Marianna NOVELLI



Important Lodge Announcement

IHL is looking to our members who will fill two vacant positions on the Executive Council.

According to the IHL Bylaws, the duties and responsibilities of these positions are the following:

Recording Secretary

- (1) Prepare the agenda with the President;***
- (2) Maintain records of the meetings.***

Trustee

- (1) Audit Lodge Financial Records once a year before February 28th, with the cooperation of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer; at least three of the five Trustees are required for the Audit; results of the Audit are due to the President and the Executive Council within two weeks;***
- (2) Oversee the activities of the Executive Council.***

Please contact our President, Dawn Falsinotti, (falsinotti@yahoo.com) or IHL Orator, Joseph "Sonny" Scafetta Jr. (joseph.scafetta.jr@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving in either of these positions and would like your talents recognized by our lodge members throughout.

The election of these offices will be held at our membership meeting on July 20.

Thank you all for serving in the important positions of our lodge Executive Council. Your dedication, time and talents will always be valued and appreciated.

Keep your eyes open for information on upcoming IHL events for the remainder of the year:

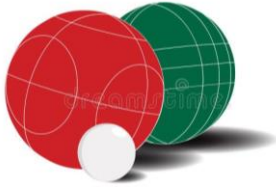
August – Italian Bingo
September – Meet & Greet Pasta Dinner
October – Italian Heritage Month
November – Honoring our Veterans
December – Festa di Natale

BOCCE AT THE LILLO'S

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the Lillo family, Dennis, Ellie, Alex, Diana, Anthony and Daniel, for another terrific bocce event and picnic on June 14th. Year after year, we are fortunate to be extended the invitation to their home, to enjoy delicious grilled food with all the other picnic fares, drinks and desserts, before we all play or cheer on the competing bocce teams.

We had an exceptional day, actually perfect, for visiting, picnicking, and enjoying our annual "Bocce at the Lillo's"





Annual Picnic



Photographs submitted by Ellie Lillo

Chef Nick & The Colonel's Kitchen

Summer Cooking Class

Saturday, June 28th

Chef Nick assembled a group of IHL Veterans and First Responders to cook and serve up an Italian-style "À la Carte" summer meal of Italian Pinwheels with a chimichurri sauce, Italian herbed roasted potatoes, and a stone-fruit bruschetta dessert. The meal required much preparation and attention to so many details from all the chefs who served our members, and themselves, una cena deliziosa!



Chefs Marietta and Phil



Chef Nick



Chefs Bobby and Dylann



Chefs Bob and John



Chef Steve



Chefs Mike and Chris



Chef John prepping the potatoes for roasting and sautéing the filling for the beef pinwheels.



The Chefs getting a workout pounding the skirt steak to the desired thinness.



Thumbs up from Roy for a great dinner. Thank you, Roy, for all you do for IHL!



Chef Nick instructing Chef Bob on the proper filling for the beef pinwheels (prosciutto, provolone and the sautéed garlic/spinach/lemon mixture) and how the skirt steak is to be rolled up and cooked.



Photographs submitted by Ellie Lillo and Colette Sciscilo

Sonny's Funnies

MUTTS

PATRICK McDONNELL



BEETLE BAILEY

GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER



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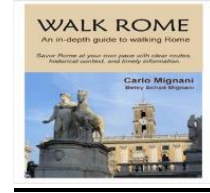
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