

La Bandiera



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



**MAGGIO 2024
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Happy May everyone! Possibly the prettiest month of the year with all the flowers and trees in bloom and nature coming alive again. And Buona Festa della Mamma! Where would we be without the strength, guidance and love of our mothers. Auguri!

Lots going on..... May 18 is the return of Italian BINGO, the event everyone loves. A plethora of Italian products and articoli, all made in Italy. Dinner will be pizza from Paisano's and salad and the Limoncello cake everyone has fallen in love with. \$25, includes 15 games of BINGO and dinner, such a deal!

We're in the final stages of the new IHL website. We're expecting to launch sometime this month. We'll let everyone know before we go live. It will be much more effective for disseminating information and keeping things fresh and topical. We can't wait.

June 15 will be our annual Bocce BBQ at Eleanor and Dennis Lillo's. We're thankful they open their home for this much-loved event. Always a great time...let's pray for good weather. Further information is listed in the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you all at BINGO!

*Best,
Dawn*



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IL CALENDARIO

12 maggio	<i>Festa della mamma</i>		
13 maggio	Executive Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Kilroy's 5250a Port Royal Road Springfield
15 maggio	Lunch Bunch*	Noon	Red Lobster 10325 Fairfax Boulevard Fairfax
18 maggio	Italian Bingo*	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall
25 maggio	Cene e conversazione**	6:00 p.m.	Hosted by Peter & Kathleen Ognibene
27 maggio	Memorial Day		
2 giugno	<i>Festa della Repubblica</i>		
15 giugno	Bocce at the Lillo's***	Noon	Hosted by Dennis & Ellie Lillo
16 giugno	<i>Festa del papà</i>		
22 giugno	Cene e conversazione**	6:00 p.m.	TBD

Please note the updated information for our annual "Bocce at the Lillo's" which is planned for Saturday, June 15th at noon. See our flyer in this Newsletter. *Giochiamo a bocce!*

- * RSVP to Dawn Falsinotti (falsinotti@yahoo.com)
- ** RSVP to Dennis Ferrara (dennisferrara@hey.com)
- *** RSVP to Eleanor Lillo (delillo1@verizon.net)



MAY BIRTHDAYS

June La Marca	May 10
Joseph Scafetta, Jr.	May 10
John Asiello	May 17
John Dovel	May 23



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Sandy & Roy Schender
May 11
Terri & Robert Sherretta
May 18

Your IHL Executive Council at work.....

The following information was provided to the Executive Council members and Trustees of IHL by Eleanor Lillo, IHL Financial Secretary:

Good evening fellow Executive Council Members and Lodge Trustees,

On Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 the Trustees of the Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517 met at the Lillo residence to perform the 2024 annual audit. The trustees were John Dovel and Nancy Perrelli.

Present as well was Eleanor Lillo, IHL Financial Secretary. All monies (checks, deposits, financial statements, reimbursement vouchers, etc.) were reviewed for the period from February 2023 to February 2024. The resulting review found that the accounts were accurately reported and all current balances are correct.

**Ciao,
Eleanor Lillo
IHL Financial Secretary**



IHL Trustee, Nancy Perrelli, was absent due to illness on March 24th for our installation of Officers and Trustees ceremony.

Pictured here is President Dawn Falsinotti installing Nancy at our monthly meeting on Saturday, April 20th.

Congratulations Nancy on being installed to another term as Trustee and best wishes to you going forward in this new year.



***Photographs submitted by
Michael Gering***

Italian Heritage Lodge Language Group ***“Cena e Conversazione”***

Grazie a Francesca for hosting us in her elegant home for a delightful evening of good food and Italian conversation, stories and jokes. We enjoyed a spring-inspired dinner of roast lamb with asparagus and strawberry and spinach salad after a special antipasto featuring roasted artichoke, all capped off with a torta fantastica. Following the meal participants in turn either read or without notes spoke in Italian on a subject of their choosing. Topics ran from poetry to una barzelletta (a joke), to a Roman holiday, to exercise regimens, to immigration, and even to Continuing Care Retirement Facilities. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Next month we meet at Peter and Kathleen's home in Old Town on May 25th. FYI, that is the Saturday preceding Memorial Day. Please check your calendars and pantries and let me know whether you plan to attend and what you'd like to contribute to the meal. Please respond by the end of the week (May 3), if at all possible.

Also, for information, Francesca has been in conversation with one of our lodge members who in past years contributed significantly to our language and dinner group. Carlo Mignani has expressed interest in meeting with us, for old times' sake, when we gather in June, likely in the Fair Oaks area. For this reason, June's meeting, which falls on the 22nd, promises to be of special interest.

Un abbraccio,” – contributed by Dennis Ferrara & Joe La Marca

The goal of the IHL Language Group is to promote our Italian heritage through language by creating opportunities to practice and improve our ability to speak Italian. To that end, we strive to create a friendly and pleasant environment for our meetings. Specifically, we meet monthly in a social setting to speak as much Italian as we can.



Mangia bene!

GUEST SPEAKER AND DINNER

April 20, 2024

MICHAEL C. MARKOWITZ

"COINAGE OF THE PAPAL STATES AND VATICAN CITY"

We were pleased to welcome Michael C. Markowitz, a member of the American Numismatic Society and Ancient Numismatic Society of Washington, D. C. as well as the Vice President of the Fairfax Coin Club and contributing writer on ancient and medieval coins for CoinWeek.com. Mr. Markowitz gave a presentation about the coinage of the Papal States and Vatican City at our monthly membership meeting on Saturday, April 20, 2024. He made a Power Point presentation and showed some coin samples from his collection, followed by a question-and-answer period.

PAPAL AND VATICAN COINS



Mike Markowitz
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ST. JOHN XXIII 1958 - 1963



Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, John XXIII, 1958-1963. 100 Lire An I - 1959, Rome. 5.20g. Fr. 292
Starting price: 800 CHF

[Numismatica Genevensis SA > Auction 16](#)
14 November 2022
Lot: 323
realized: 1,200 CHF Approx. \$1,269

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ST. LEO III (795-816)



ITALY, Pope (State pontific). Silver Denaro (20mm, 1.22 g), in the name of Charlemagne. Holy Roman emperor. Rome mint. Struck circa end of 800-814. ++ SCN + PETIVS, LEO PA monogram / + CARLVS IMP monogram; pellet around. GNT XV 1; Mouton 1; Berman 14; MEC 1. -- Very rare. Estimate: \$2,000

[Classical Numismatic Group > Triton XX](#)
10 January 2017
Lot: 1275
realized: \$12,000

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SIXTUS IV 1471-1494



Papal state. Sixtus IV. 1471-1484. AR Grosso (24mm, 3.04 g, 5b). Rome mint. SIXTVS.HILPONT MAX.VRBE.RENT Bust left, wearing mantle / VITLITATIPVBLICAE Coat-of-arms within tetralobe. MIR 454; Mouton 14; Berman 451. The first Papal portrait coin.

Estimate: \$750

[Classical Numismatic Group > Triton XXVII](#)
9 January 2024
Lot: 1040
realized: \$610

Contributed by Joseph Scafetta, Jr. Photographs submitted by Coletta Sciscilo.

Italian



Saturday, May 18 @ 5:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall

3700 Blenheim Boulevard, Fairfax

(behind St. Leo the Great Catholic Church)

*Italian
Prizes*

BINGO!



*15 Bingo
games & Pizza/
Salad dinner
for \$25.00*

RSVP to Dawn at falsinotti@yahoo.com

IHL Bocce at the Lillo's



When: Saturday, June 15, 2024

Where: 5104 Colebrook Place
Alexandria, VA 22312

Time: 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Hosted by
Eleanor and Dennis Lillo

Menu: Grilled Hamburgers & Hot Dogs with all the Fixings,
Sausage & Peppers, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Desserts
& Cold Beverages

**There will be a charge of \$15 per person for this event.
Make check payable to IHL and mail to 5104 Colebrook Place,
Alexandria, VA 22312.**

Please confirm your attendance by June 10th!

**RSVP who will be attending and who will
play in the bocce tournament.**

By email: delillo1@verizon.net

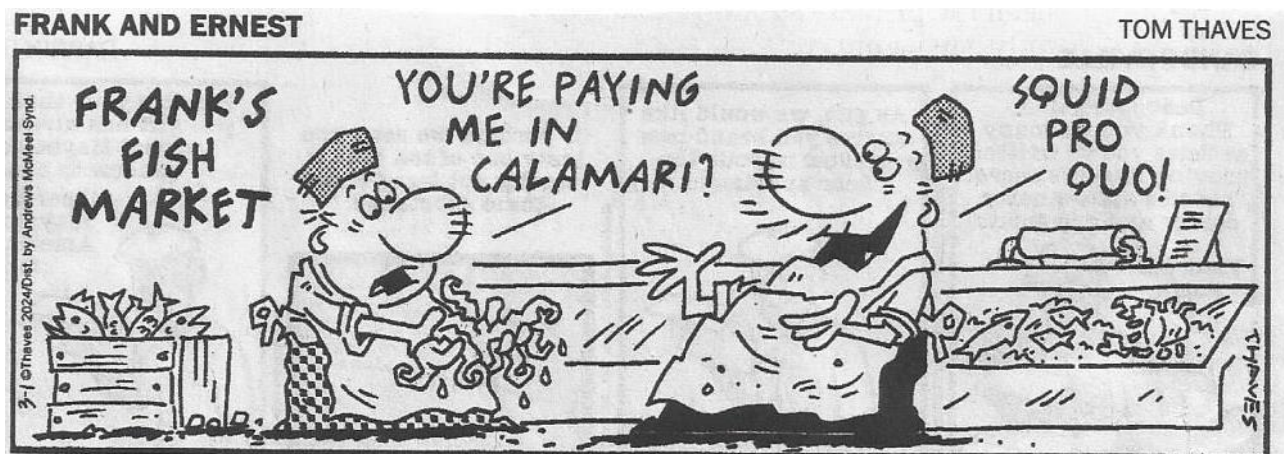
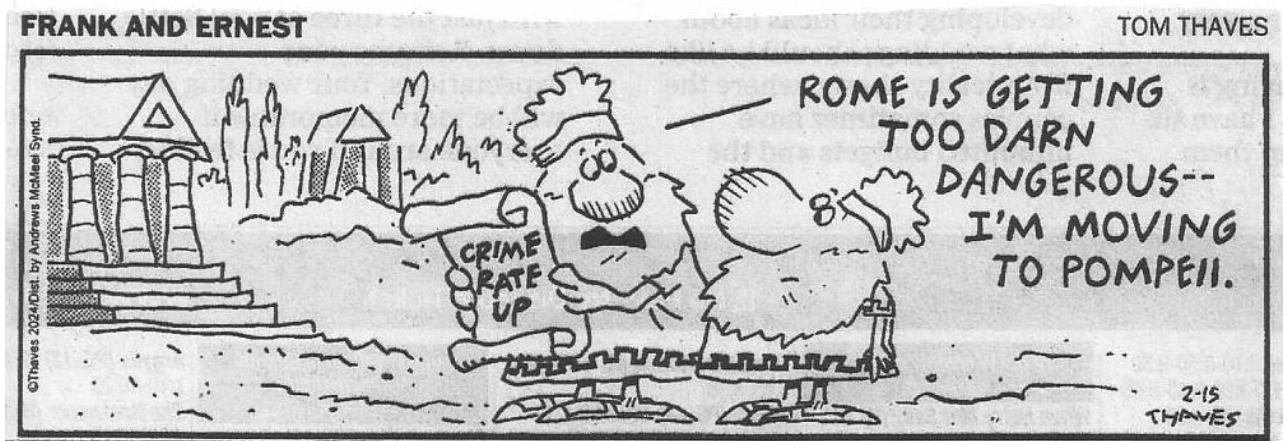
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Come and enjoy the fun!



Sonny's Funnies



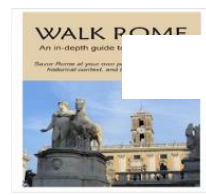
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