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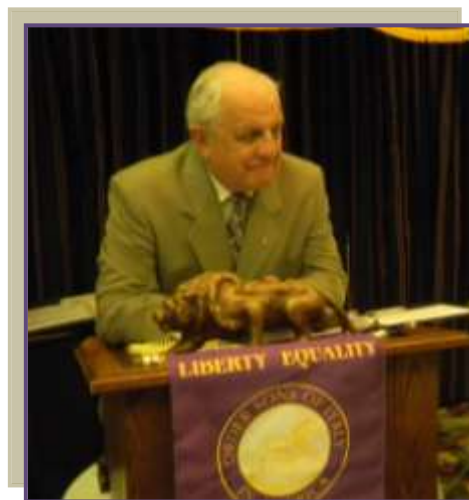
STATE PRESIDENT EDWARD MOTTOLA, JR's MESSAGE

Brothers and Sisters All:

It is my sad duty to report that our petition to the Supreme Lodge to remove the suspension of Sister JoAnn Colonna was denied. The petition was put before the Supreme Court of the Order where the matter was addressed and denied. The Supreme Court also reviewed the \$10,000.00 fine imposed on the Grand Lodge of Florida and voted to suspend the fine. I will address the details surrounding this issue at our October State meetings.

I would like to thank Brothers Dennis Piasio and Sam Pittaro for their efforts in bringing the new Michelangelo Lodge into our Grand Lodge. Your dedication to our Order is greatly appreciated by this President.

Our annuity option with Allianz has been finalized and we will start receiving payouts in September. Full details will be available at our October meetings.



After months of searching we have a location for our 2011 convention. The Sheraton Hotel, downtown Orlando will host the convention from June 23 through the 26th, 2011.

Our Italian Language teacher certification testing continues to grow. Since our last meetings in June, two more teachers have become certified to teach the Italian Language in the State of Florida. This results with at least two more Italian Language classes being taught in our public school system.

I was hoping to receive more input regarding ways and means to find a cost effective vehicle to have the Floridian produced and distributed. This hasn't come about. I will be submitting my findings in October for discussion as to how we can come up with a game plan that will be suitable for one and all.

In closing, I thank our membership for the privilege and honor you have placed in me to serve you. A little over a year has passed since I have assumed office and although with the position goes time consuming work and responsibilities along with a host of challenges; I stand ready to serve you along with a fine staff of dedicated Officers. Nothing less will do.



GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA BOCCE TOURNAMENT



Dates: Friday and Saturday, November 5th & 6th, 2010

Friday: Afternoon practice session followed by a pasta and meatball dinner at 7 pm.

Cost: \$5.00 pp

Saturday:

10:00 am – coffee and Danish

11:00 am – tournament begins

1:00 pm – picnic, burgers, franks, potatoes, beans, soda & beer

2:30 pm – tournament continues until finished

7:00 pm – buffet dinner-dance, sausage and peppers, baked ziti, chicken, salad,
and dessert

Cost: 15.00 pp

Cost: \$20:00 pp

Location:

John Paul 1 Lodge #2427
2500 34th Street South, St. Petersburg

Registration Fee:

\$25.00 per player for tournament play

Fee must be made by October 15th, 2010

There will be 4 person teams. Lodges can combine a team

Prizes:

First Prize 30% of tournament fees

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Third Prize 10% of tournament fees

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THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OF THREE TOURNAMENTS TO DETERMINE THE LODGE THAT WILL BE OUR STATE CHAMPION.
A SECOND TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON THE EAST COAST EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE TOP THREE TEAMS AT EACH LOCATION WILL PLAY OFF FOR THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE SPRING OF 2011.

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\$ 25,000 GRAND PRIZE
Congratulations!!

Samuel Cerrato, National Trustee
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

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And Reno Alano (10%)
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THE GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA SOLD A TOTAL OF 71 RAFFLES AND A REBATE ON SALES NETTED \$1065.00. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL FOR SUPPORTING THIS PROGRAM.

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ALZHEIMER'S REPORT

Vincenza DiLiberti, Chairperson

The following is from the Perspective Section of the "St. Petersburg Times" (Sunday, July 4, 2010) by Arthur Rivin, retired doctor of internal medicine and a professor emeritus at UCLA. He also has Alzheimer's disease.

Being quite familiar with the disease, Dr. Rivin admits being slow in suspecting his own affliction. Once diagnosed, he can now see a pattern forming ten years ago when his once brilliant mind needed to depend on notes. About a year ago after receiving a prestigious award, he found he could not say a word. After much insistence by his wife (doctors are often not willing patients), Dr. Rivin went through a battery of tests confirming with 95% accuracy that he had Alzheimer's. At first he was given Aricept and then another drug, Namenda, was added. In two months he was much better and close to normal; however, he had to endure the side effects of diarrhea and appetite loss.

Dr. Rivin is enjoying his improvement; he is also sharing ideas with others with memory problems. Carry a small book and write notes to be recalled later. Don't become discouraged if you can't remember a person's name, make a joke, ask the person to repeat the name and write it down. Read books, take walks or do some form of exercise, draw and paint, garden, do puzzles and games.

A healthy diet of fruits and vegetables, fish twice a week, and omega-3 fatty acids is very important. Also it is very important to not withdraw from friends and family. People are very accepting and are willing to assist in whatever way they can.

We know someday we are all going to die – that is a given. But Alzheimer's patients should take the extra precaution while they still are mentally alert to examine and sign important documents like advance directives, living wills, and the physician's orders for life-sustaining treatment. Talk with your family and loved ones; let them know your final wishes.

Back in the early 20th century, Dr. Alois Alzheimer, a German physician, first saw a link between dementia and the presence of plaques and an accumulation of a peptide called Beta-amyloid. However, these amyloid plaques can only be detected in an autopsy. Nevertheless, with the push for advanced research, there are presently medical imaging companies that are hoping to develop chemical agents that will detect Alzheimer's from a brain scan and predict if someone will suffer this dreaded disease before any symptoms appear.

Each new day is a blessing and God put us on this earth for a reason. Do good while you can and do the best that you can.

Stay well,
Vincenza



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CALENDAR REPORT

Bernard DiGiovanni, Chairperson

The Grand Lodge Calendar Program has been around for years and is popular with a majority of local Lodges. I have been its Calendar Chairman for 5 years and have seen it grow in popularity as local Lodges learn the win win feature of it. It is a win win program for the membership, the local Lodges, and the Grand Lodge of Florida. The membership has a chance for monetary rewards on a daily basis while the local Lodges and the Grand Lodge divide the profits at the end of the year. At the end of the year all the lodges that participate in the program received a check predicated on the number of calendars sold by that Lodge. In January of each year we hand out checks to those Lodges that participated and if you are sitting there and not getting a check that day you ask yourself why we didn't get involved in this worthwhile program. Now is the time to enter the game where you are always a winner.

As of July 1st a \$50.00 Calendar goes on sale for \$35.00, a bargain of great magnitude. If the year end profit is such that the Calendars sold by the Lodge at \$35.00 each gets back \$15.00 for each Calendar sold then the \$35.00 Calendar only cost \$20.00 with a chance of winning from \$50.00 to \$1000.00. Now that's a bargain. Your membership back home deserves to be part of this game of chance and only you can bring it back to them.



The calendar is printed with a 3-digit number in the lower right hand corner that is equivalent to the numbers used in the Florida Lottery cash 3 games. When the number on the calendar is the same as the **evening daily cash 3** numbers the owner of that calendar is a winner and receives from \$50.00 to \$1000.00. The calendar and the number are good until January 31st 2011. I monitor the cash 3 number each day and send a check to the member who purchased that number.

Just a reminder that the Florida Lottery picks a Cash 3 number in the afternoon and in the evening. The Grand Lodge Calendar program only recognizes the evening number. Make sure checks are made out to the Grand Lodge of Florida. I notice at our Lodge that when we have a cash 3 Calendar winner and we announce it and make a presentation at our dinner or meeting it increases Calendar

Sales. So I am asking local Lodge Presidents to have your Calendar Chairperson contact me with their E-mail address and I will notify him or her of a winner in your Lodge and he or she can make an announcement at one of your social functions and maybe increase Calendar Sales.

Remember it's the **evening daily cash 3!**

COOLEY'S ANEMIA

Karen DiGiovanni, Chairperson



Back in November 2009 winter winds were just starting to blow in New Jersey which means it is time to think of the Third Annual New Jersey Miracle Plunge (Freezin for a Reason) to raise funds for Cooley's Anemia Foundation.

On March 13, 2010, hundreds of dedicated, caring men and women plunged into the icy waters of Belmar, NJ to raise awareness of and funds for this worthy charity. The past two polar bear plunges have raised a total of \$100,000 in donations. I am sure that the water temperatures were close to freezing and besides jumping into the cold waters the brave souls of New Jersey also willingly dove into their wallets to support this worthy cause.

Now I am not asking you to take a plunge into the Florida surf even though the local water temperatures are in the 80's (no hardship there). But, I know the people in Florida are willing to

sacrifice to finance research to find a cure for this blood disorder, Cooley's Anemia. In previous reports I have outlined a number of promising developments that could be the key to the cure. And you have stood on line at our quarterlies to demonstrate your determination to support these endeavors. I want to thank you and as spokeswomen for the Cooley's Anemia Foundation, they want to thank you for keeping this dream alive.

"WE'RE FREEZIN FOR A REASON"



CANCER REPORT

Jeanette D'Alessandro, Chairperson

Can Colorectal Cancer be prevented? Regular colorectal cancer screening is one of the most powerful weapons in preventing colorectal cancer. Screening is the process of looking for cancer in people who have no symptoms of the disease.



From the time the first abnormal cells start to grow into polyps, it usually takes about 10 to 15 years for them to develop into colorectal cancer. Regular screening can, in many cases, prevent colorectal cancer altogether. This is

because most polyps can be found and removed before they have the chance to turn into cancer. Screening can also result in finding colorectal cancer early, when it is highly curable.

People who have no identified risk factors (other than age) should begin regular screening at age 50. Those who have a family history or other risk factors for colorectal polyps or cancer such as inflammatory bowel disease, should talk with their doctor about starting screening at a younger age and/or getting screened more frequently.

If you have a strong family history of colorectal polyps or cancer, you should talk with your doctor about genetic counseling to review your family medical tree and determine if genetic testing may be right for you. If needed, this can help you decide about getting screened and treated at an early age.

What are the risk factors for Colorectal Cancer? A risk factor is anything that affects your chance of getting a disease such as cancer. Different cancers have different risk factors. For example, exposing skin to strong sunlight is a risk factor for skin cancer. Smoking is a risk factor for cancers of the lungs,

larynx, mouth, throat, esophagus, kidneys, bladder, colon and several other organs. But risk factors don't tell us everything. Researchers have found several risk factors that may increase a person's chance of developing colorectal polyps or colorectal cancer. More than 9 out of 10 people diagnosed with colorectal cancer are older than 50. People with a history of colorectal cancer or adenomatous polyps in one or more first-degree relatives (parents, siblings, or children) are at increased risk. The reasons for the increased risk are not clear in all cases. If you have a family history of adenomatous polyps or colorectal cancer, you should talk with your doctor about the possible need to begin screening before age 50.

About 5% to 10% of people who develop colorectal cancer have inherited gene changes that cause the disease.

African-Americans have the highest colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates of all racial groups in the United States. The reasons for this are not yet understood.

A diet that is high in red meats (beef, lamb, or liver) and processed meats (hot dogs and some luncheon meats) can increase colorectal cancer risk. If you are not physically active, you have a greater chance of developing colorectal cancer. If you are overweight, your risk of developing and dying from colorectal cancer is increased. Obesity raises the risk of colon cancer in both men and women, but the link seems to be stronger in men.

Long-term smokers are more likely than non-smokers to develop and die from colorectal cancer. Colorectal cancer has been linked to the heavy use of alcohol. People with Type 2 (usually non-insulin dependent) diabetes have an increased risk of developing colorectal cancer.

The American Cancer Society and several other medical organizations recommend earlier screening for people with increased colorectal cancer risk.

FLORIDIAN ANNUAL AD COST

4.75" X 1.5".....\$ 100.00

4.75" x 4".....\$150.00 Half Pg.....\$350.00

Quarter Pg.....\$200.00 Full Pg.....\$450.00

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LUCREZIA BORGIA

Mildred Cooper, Italian Cultural Chairperson

Was she beautiful, corrupt, heartless, a poisoner and immoral? This is the general image that most people retain of her or was she a pawn used by her father and brother?



Let's re-examine her life and you be the judge of what is truth and what is fiction.

On April 18, 1480 AD in the small Italian city of Subiaco, Vanozza Dei Cattanei, the mistress of Cardinal Rodrigo Borgia gave birth to their third child, Lucrezia Borgia. She was a beautiful baby with gray-blue eyes and blonde hair. Her father adored her. Rodrigo later became Pope Alexander VI.

The Borgias were an ancient family in Spain. When Lucrezia was only three, she was taken to live with her father's cousin, Adriane DeMila, as he wanted her to have Spanish roots. By the time she was a preteen, she had already been engaged to two Spanish noblemen, but Rodrigo cancelled both unions. Her first marriage to Giovanni Sforza was an extravagant event and took place in the Vatican. The marriage contract stipulated that she remain in Rome for a year and that the marriage should not be physically consummated for that time.

As the Pope needed more advantageous political alliances, he

needed to get rid of Giovanni Sforza. Giovanni refused to agree to a divorce and accused Lucrezia of paternal and fraternal incest. Since the marriage had not been consummated, the Pope declared it not valid. With his wife's dowry as a bribe, Giovanni signed a confession of impotence and the union was annulled.

It was said that Lucrezia was pregnant when her marriage was annulled for non-consummation due to a relationship with a Pedro Calderon. The child was born in secret before her second marriage to Alfonso of Aragon. Alfonso was very good looking and Cesare, her brother, did not like him as he was jealous of the attention Lucrezia paid to her husband instead of him. He had his servants strangle Alfonso. Lucrezia was broken hearted.

Her father then arranged a marriage to Alfonso D'Este, Duke of Ferrara. They had a number of children and she proved to be a respectable Dutchess. However, neither partner was faithful. Lucrezia had a long relationship with her bi-sexual brother-in-law, Francesco II Gonzaga, Marquis of Mantua, as well as the poet, Pietro Bembo.

The historians of Ferrara praised her for her beauty, modesty and understanding. She became very religious and was devoted to acts of piety and charity. She died ten days after delivering her eighth child at the age of thirty-nine and was buried in the Convent of Corpus Domini.

Now let's examine the facts, not the rumors. She was not heartless or depraved. She was not the incestuous lover of her father and

brothers. This was a rumor started by her first husband forced to declare his impotence and publicly humiliated.

That fact that she was pregnant at the time of her annulment is unlikely. She would have been six months pregnant when she stood before the College of Cardinals and declared her virginity.

The poet, Pietro Bembo and Lucrezia had a relationship of mutual respect and affection. That this relationship developed into an affair is an assumption.



What is rumor and what is fact? Was she infamous as a poisoner in possession of a hollow ring she used to poison drinks? Was it her tragic life that changed her into an elegant, refined, kind woman and a much loved Dutchess of Ferrara? Has she been maligned undeservedly for centuries?

I'll let you be the judge and jury!

WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL

Sal D'Alessandro, Past State President



At the Supreme Lodge session held in Cambridge (Boston) I, along with President Mottola, presented a check for \$1000.00 for the proposed Museum. We also found out that any local, Grand Lodge or any individual will get their Lodge or Personal names on the Sons of Italy Beam. So think about it Lodges and individuals, your name at the World Trade Center Museum. I will be available at the October Quarterly Meeting for any contributions. It was a proud moment for us and the Grand Lodge of Florida.

The THINK team design recreated the World Trade Center site as the home of the World Cultural Center. An iconic and bold new skyline for the twenty-first century heralds a remarkable investment in culture unprecedented in the history of New York City. Two new soaring, open latticework structures are constructed in homage to the twin towers, built above and around the footprints of the original World Trade Center towers. Within these towers - the tallest in the world - distinctive buildings can be designed and phased over time to complete a program of innovative cultural facilities: the Memorial (from the footprints of the original towers to the top of the highest platform in the world), the September 11 Interpretative Museum, a Performing Arts Center, an International Conference Center, an open Amphitheater, viewing platforms and public facilities for education. The skyline of Lower Manhattan is reborn as a new public realm for culture.

The magic of the THINK proposal is that it celebrates all that is positive about America and our culture. It restores New York's distinctive skyline in a most imaginative way, while memorializing the Twin Towers. The further beauty of our Master Plan is its ability to attract marketable office buildings that can be built on several different footprints, over a period of years as the demand permits. These buildings can be designed by different architects, like the rest of the city always has been, or with one hand like Rockefeller Center. Either way, the strength of the design is not compromised, for the sites magnetism is created by the Twin Cultural Towers that would already be in place.

It is a rare opportunity for New York to create a significant monument to American cultural, for architecture to rise to a degree rarely celebrated in our world, and to use this chance to attract a commercial market that would restore Lower Manhattan's rightful place in the office place of this nation.



COOKBOOK I

Vincenza DiLiberti, Cookbook I Chair

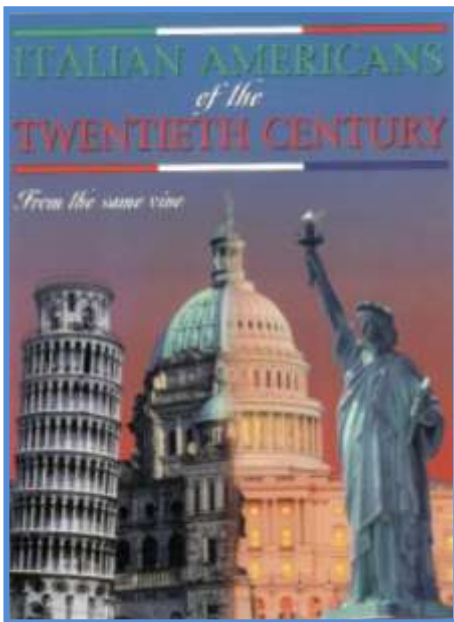
It's the time of the year when we start thinking of Christmas gifts and what to give our friends, relatives, even business associates. What better gift to give than our best-selling, nationally-known "*Preserving Our Italian Heritage Cookbook.*" Along with every other cookbook in print, this particular cookbook should be a staple in every household; it's not just for an Italian - it's dedicated to everyone who loves Italian food. The recipes are easy-to-read and easy-to-follow.

Don't be left out in the cold this winter - purchase Cookbook 1 and have a warm feeling you are spreading our beautiful Italian culture as well as supporting our young adults through the scholarships offered by the Florida Foundation.

For all your COOKBOOK I orders, at the low cost of only \$5/bk (24 bks in a case), plus shipping and handling, please contact me at (727) 447-6890 or by e-mail: vincenzad@verizon.net.

Buon Appetito,
Vincenza





FROM THE SAME VINE

Eva Mottola, Chairperson

JUST A SHORT NOTE TO MAKE OUR MEMBERSHIP AWARE THAT OUR BOOK "FROM THE SAME VINE" PROJECT IS WINDING DOWN.

WE CURRENTLY HAVE 66 CASES REMAINING IN STORAGE. I THANK ALL OF OUR LODGES WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF THIS PROGRAM.

I WISH TO REMIND ONE AND ALL THAT YOU CAN OBTAIN A CASE OF BOOKS (12 BOOKS) AT NO COST OTHER THAN TO PAY FOR SHIPPING FEES. ONCE THE CASE OF BOOKS IS SOLD, EACH LODGE IS THEN OBLIGATED TO FORWARD A CHECK OF \$60.00 PAYABLE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA.

THE FLORIDIAN

Maddie McNeal, Editor

Well, here we are with our third issue of "THE FLORIDIAN". I hope you are all pleased with what you see each time it appears in the website. My plan is to keep it interesting for you by making it colorful, easy to navigate, and something you will be proud to share with your friends and family.

When submitting an article, please don't feel as though you need to write a lengthy description of a photo you are submitting. A short story is sometimes all you need to accompany a photo of your event. You know that old saying "A picture is worth a thousand words"!

Don't be left out of the next issue, send those articles and photos and let me do the rest.



You can e-mail me or send by regular mail your articles and photos. Please remember to include pictures of your festivities in .jpg format or send them via regular mail...I can scan them for you and they will definitely enhance your article.

PLEASE NOTE THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR ALL PHOTOS AND ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE MID JANUARY 2011.

Until then... *Maddie McNeal*, Editor

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Dennis J. Piasio, State Membership Chairman

TO ALL MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

Your membership committee has once again come through with two new lodges in our state of Florida.

Many thanks to our dedicated State Trustee in Region 6, Sam Pittaro. Brother Sam has worked tirelessly in bringing in a new lodge in the area of Royal Palm Beach. Sam put together his new ideas and his knowledge of advertising and getting the word out regarding our beloved heritage. His message of inspiration at our first meetings kept our new members fully interested in getting involved in our Order.

We must be thankful for the time and effort he has put into this challenge. Bringing in a new chapter requires a certain trust in knowing what is necessary and how to promote the principles of what it means to be a member in SOI.

I am pleased to work with Sam as we continue to increase our membership in Florida. Our new lodge is Loggia Michelangelo #2864 and they are already involved with a Palm Beach Golf Tournament, a Night at the Arcade and a Trip to Hard Rock...all before November!

They are also fortunate to have as their sponsor, Cuore D'Italia Lodge and Brother Joe DeVito as their State Deputy along with his learned wife, Carole who is President of Cuore D'Italia Lodge.

On another note of importance...it was very heartwarming to hear the thoughts of President Earl Gottschalk when asked his input on starting a new chapter in Crestview, which is about a half hour drive from the Franzalia Lodge. After discussing this with Brother Earl, I immediately got in touch with none other than our membership co-chairman in our northern area, Brother Bill Zuppa. This is the fourth lodge he has been a prime motivator, both for me and for starting new lodges. Bill has a winning attitude and has become my mentor. Looking ahead, our membership committee has always kept its challenge of at least one new lodge per quarter. Next target on our agenda is the Coral Gables area with a new president, Greg Bianchini, who has volunteered his assistance. Knowing Greg the way I do, this will be a cake walk. It is quite possible he will be next in line to head our membership committee. What more could we want; he is young, handsome, dedicated and very talented.

FLORIDIAN NEWS – RETENTION REPORT:

At our last Quarterly Meeting there was much discussion on bringing new lodges in the Order. Most reasons were because we already had lodges close by and those presidents should, have been informed.

My thoughts on this seem to differ and cause me to wonder. Many members are generally happy with the friends they met and became a caring family within themselves. As creatures of habit we become satisfied and see no reason to change our lodge.

I think rather than finding reasons for leaving a lodge or worse, quitting as members, a president or council member become a part of the problem or better yet, look for a new solution.

Instead of complaining, why not do something about it in a positive fashion? Do we talk about our lodge to those who are not members? Do we pass out brochures, whether on windshields or by hand? Do we try getting a new member table in front of a busy store with some good members who may answer questions?

**WHEN DO WE START MAKING PHONE CALLS RATHER THAN WAITING FOR THE PHONE TO RING?
DON'T WAIT FOR THINGS TO HAPPEN...“MAKE THEM HAPPEN”**

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Piasio

ORATOR'S REPORT

Robert Berardi

Okay, now that I have your attention, I'd like you to consider membership types. I've received many questions lately on this topic and would like to clear up the confusion.

First, a quick quiz. A prospective new member approaches you and asks about joining your lodge. The person tells you that their grandmother was Italian. They ask you about the differences of becoming a Regular member and Social member. Do you a) give them the information on both membership types and ask them to choose, b) tell them that they are only eligible for Regular membership in the Order or c) advise them that they are eligible to become a Regular member however they may become a Social member if they'd prefer. The correct answer is (b) of course. Why? In this case the simple answer is because this person is clearly of Italian descent. They advised you that their grandmother was Italian. Why should they not be given the option? Because "membership is not an option". Let's take a look at that in more detail.

Membership types are clearly defined in our Supreme Bylaws, Article 2, and they are quite specific. Regular members, by definition, are members who are of Italian birth or descent, are married to someone of Italian lineage, have been adopted by someone of Italian lineage, are the spouse of someone who was adopted by a person

of Italian lineage, or are the widow, widower or divorced spouse of a current or former member. Additionally, the Grand Lodge Bylaws, Article 42, Paragraph E, places a minimum age requirement of eighteen (18) years on eligibility for membership. Social members are defined as those who because of their national origin are not admitted as a regular or associate member (Note: There are no associate members in Florida).



There is only one conceivable scenario for a Social member to move into a Regular membership after joining the Order. That Social member would have to marry someone of Italian descent. But the real question is how would this be accomplished? While this situation is not specifically defined in the Bylaws, a common sense approach would dictate that the person fill out a new application, as a Regular member, and that application would go before the Lodge for approval, and consequently on to the Grand Lodge for final approval. Unless it's reviewed by the Lodge membership under the normal

application process, the membership would never have the option to discuss, or dispute, the person's membership eligibility. This is critical because by becoming a Regular member, they would acquire the rights to vote and hold office.

If you have any questions about membership eligibility, ask you Lodge Orator. If you are a Lodge Orator and have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

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LODGE ACTIVITIES

ST AUGUSTINE LODGE #2780

Stefan Melnick, President

Three OSIA scholarships were awarded at the June 17 meeting of the Sons of Italy Lodge#2780.

- **Anthony Victor DeSimone** – Anthony graduated from Creekside High School and will be attending the University of North Florida to study in a general Business curriculum.
- **Annette Marie Jubert** – Annie graduated from Allen D. Nease High School. She will be attending the University of Florida pursuing a career in Business. She plans for a career in Marketing, Commercial Art and/or Journalism.
- **Samantha Noel Washburn** – Samantha graduated from St. Augustine High School. She will be attending Emerson College in Boston MA. Her curriculum will emphasize Communication and/or Journalism.



The Sons of Italy Lodge #2780 meets monthly at St Anastasia Roman Catholic Church - Fellowship Hall. The Lodge provides fun for all while our fundraising benefits many good causes such as Sloan Kettering Cancer Institute, St Anastasia Church, St Francis House, St Johns County Food Pantry, the empty Stocking fund and the USO Mayport Jacksonville.

A \$300 cash award presentation was made to the NS Mayport Jacksonville USO at a recent meeting of the Sons of Italy Lodge#2780. The role of Jacksonville's USO is an important reason our local forces feel embraced and well served by our community. It is the military and civilian community working together to meet the goals of high morale and the „best trained“ military men and women in the world. On hand to receive the gift was Ed Champagne, Center Director.



The lodge supports charitable awards through various fund raising activities during the year. These include group dinners, group trips, raffles, and an Annual Bocce Tournament held in the springtime at the St Augustine Pier.

For information about meetings or group events as well as participating please call Josephine Scher at (904) 460-0975.

AMICI D'ITALIA LODGE #2791

Bob Santore, President



On June 19, 2010, Amici D'Italia Lodge # 2791 awarded Blake Warfield a \$ 1,000.00 scholarship check. He is a graduate of Stanton College Preparatory High School. He will be attending the University Of Central Florida in the fall. The award was presented by President Bob Santore and Mark Gregorio Immediate Past President & Scholarship Chairperson.

OSCEOLA COUNTY LODGE #2523

Gertrude Dorries, President



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS: On May 18th our lodge presented two scholarships along with the Dante medals to Amber Paoloemilio, daughter of Sandee Paoloemilio, Trustee and Kyle Keaton, son of Kim and Michael Keaton. Both scholars graduated from Gateway High School with outstanding grades and were number 18 and 19 in class rank of 439 students.

We are very proud of these fine Italian American students and wish them well in their future years as they reach for their goals.

UPPER KEYS SONS & DAUGHTERS LODGE #2422

Greg Bianchini, President

The month of June has been quite eventful for our Lodge. This year, we sponsored the little league baseball team "Yankees", and treated them to a wonderful pasta dinner and Bocce lessons for their end of season party. We were honored to share this day with President Edward Mottola, Jr. of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and President Frank Benedetto of the Sgt. F.M. Bonanno Lodge, and their families.



On June 16, 2010, Monroe County Mayor Sylvia Murphy presented President Gregory Bianchini with a Proclamation proclaiming June 19th a National Day of Remembrance of the founding of Order Sons of Italy and the 105th Anniversary at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting in Marathon.

On June 19, 2010, the Lodge celebrated the 105th Anniversary with a barbecue for the members and the community, along with a beautiful anniversary cake, and, of course, Bocce.

Our regular meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:00 PM with a one hour social gathering and covered dish. Each Sunday, with new Summer hours of 10:00 AM, the Bocce league gathers to play and perfect their skills for tournament. Any time you're in the area, please join us, we'd love to see you.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Pasta Night to Benefit the Upper Keys YMCA and the Upper Keys Children's Memorial Tree Garden on September 19, 2010 at either 5:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Club.



Our 2nd Annual Dinner/Dance will be held on Sunday, October 24th, 2010 at the Big Chill in Key Largo.

Lodge Picnic on November 14, 2010, catered by Smokin' Eddie Bar-b-que at the Civic Club.

JOSEPH B. FRANZALIA LODGE #2422

Earl Gottschalk, President

It has been a long, hot summer, but it hasn't slowed us down any. We have been experiencing great pasta nights every Friday, our summer *Luau* (August 14th) was fantastic and we are now gearing up for our **32nd Anniversary Party**, which will be held on September 18th, and our **31st Annual Festa Italiana** to be held November 5th and 6th at our lodge. In between, we have lodge rentals scheduled, our line dance classes continue every Tuesday evening 5:00 'til 8:00 PM and the Bridge Club plays every Wednesday from 10:00 AM 'til noon. The Franzalia Lodge Tarantella Dancers and Eh! Cumpari Musicians, under the supervision of IPP Maddie McNeal, have been asked to perform at Elder Services again this year on December 15th. Although we get asked to dance the Tarantella, our rendition of Eh! Cumpari is always the biggest crowd pleaser. We all have a great time when we are out doing these performances. Just seeing the smiles on people's faces and the joy it brings them makes it all worthwhile. The pictures below show us performing at the Santa Rosa Mall in Ft. Walton Beach at the request of the American Business Women's Association earlier this year.



Tarantella Dancers



**Pasta Convention
Bridge Club**



**Eh! Cumpari
Musicians**



**Line Dance
Class**



As the summer comes to a close, we start looking forward to our Annual Snowbird Migration. Our lodge is the home for so many visitors from all over the north, east and west. They come in on Friday nights, and it's almost like they've never been gone. We look forward to seeing our old friends and showing them a good time while they're here. Brothers and Sisters, here's to cooler weather and being able to go out for long walks again. *Maddie McNeal, IPP*

DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE #2825

Vincenza DiLiberti, President

Members and guests enjoyed a delicious family-style potluck with a wonderful array of delicious appetizers and desserts at our annual celebration of "Ferragosto" on Sunday, August 15. The event was held in our regular meeting room - The Cenacle at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church; there were over 70 attendees and plenty of delectable goodies. Formerly, Ferragosto was related to a celebration enjoyed in Italy during the summer and at the end of the hard labor in the fields. Today, this traditional Italian holiday is a commemoration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary as well as a time when Italian citizens take a long vacation and many businesses and shops are closed.

We were both honored and elated to have **Laura Falzone Sherry** as our special guest at our August general meeting. Laura recently was informed that she passed the test for the Teacher Certification Exam to teach Italian in the public schools. And at the bequest of State President Ed Mottola, Jr., I invited Laura to our lodge to accept a reimbursement check from the Grand Lodge of Florida in the amount of \$200 for taking and passing the test. In her remarks at our meeting, Laura explained the two-parts of the exam both of which were extremely advanced and only those who received the highest percentile were awarded the Teaching Certificate for Italian. As a little background, Laura was born in Sicily and has been a teacher for many years. She presently teaches Spanish at East Lake High School in Tarpon Springs.



BUONA FORTUNA LODGE #2835

Paul Storniolo, President



It was a historic night on Wed September 4, 2010 as a record 10 new members were inducted into the Buona Fortuna Lodge #2835 of Pensacola, FL. This was the most new members inducted at a single meeting since the formation of the Lodge in October 2006. President Paul Storniolo and Vice President Pete Resedean officiated during the ceremony to induct the following new members into this active and growing Lodge: Mario and Delores Nozzarella, Ginny and David Barberi, Joanne Fitzpatric, Anna Buggs, Antonella Console, Paul Lukkar, Jon and Joan Pettigrew. Membership now stands at 80.

The lodge is planning their first Festa to be held on Saturday Nov 13th at St. Ann's Church Hall in Pensacola. The coordinators for the Festa are Joyce Bollenbacher, Lodge Financial Secretary and Patricia Russo, Lodge Trustee. The menu for the Festa includes spaghetti with home-made meatballs, sausage, pepper and onion sandwiches, meatball heroes, shrimp scampi over angel hair pasta, canoli, and beer and wine. There will be activities for children and vendors to sell non-food items. Admission and parking are free. State Grand Lodge President Ed Mottola will be present to mix and mingle with the attendees and many lodge members who will be there volunteering their time to ensure a successful first event. If you are in the area please plan to attend. For more information on the Festa please call Joyce Bollenbacher at (850) 324-2811, (850) 324-2811, or (850) 995-7487; e-mail thomasmb@mchsi.com.

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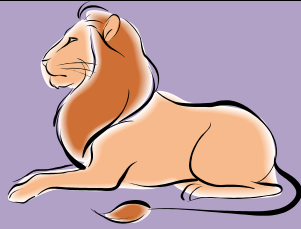
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