



*Maryland OSIA members and scholarship recipients proudly display the Italian flag at Ripken Stadium!*

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you can see by all the pictures, it's been a busy summer --- and I hope a good one, for you! We had no meeting in July. We had all good intentions of having one in August, but unfortunately, there was a mix-up and we never received word that the Community Room was being renovated – until literally the last minute, therefore had to cancel the August meeting.

By the time you receive this edition, we will have already had our Memorial Mass on September 9<sup>th</sup> and luncheon in Little Italy. I am extremely pleased to inform you that it was a huge success! 58 Brother and Sisters from Annapolis, Antonio Gatto, Belair Road, Dominic Fornaro, Harford County, Montgomery County, Ocean City, and Towson Dulaney Lodges were in attendance for the luncheon at Chiapparelli's. The Mass was beautifully done by Fr. Bernie and Deacon Doug and St. Leo's wonderful choir. Brother Longo read the names of deceased, Brother Transparenti rang the bell from the altar after each name was announced, Sister Cipriotti did the readings, Sister Transparenti did the dedication of flowers to the Blessed Mother and Brother and Sister Olmo from the Annapolis Lodge presented the gifts at Offertory. A huge THANKS to everyone for making it such a beautiful day! And - the Ravens won big time!

October is a big month for Italians/Italian Americans. It's the month we celebrate "Columbus." It begins on October 7<sup>th</sup> with a 9:30 am Mass at St. Leo's; a wreath laying ceremony at the Columbus statue at 11:00 am, followed by the parade at 1:00 pm. This year there will be a mini-festival in Little Italy after the parade. The 'Champion' Baltimore Blast will be participating this year, too.

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, the Grand Lodge holds its 'annual' Columbus Gala. It will take place at Martin's East. We will be honoring **Al Massa** with the Ameritan Award and **Nancy Barbieri Wolfe** with the Columbus Award. It's always a great affair and brings many Italians together to celebrate the discoverer of America. If interested in tickets, call Vince Zaccaria at 410-686-1276. We'd love to see you there!

I attended the OSIA Plenary Session in Crystal City, VA. Brothers V. Zaccaria and D. Longo in attendance as well. Very productive and interesting. Good to see and meet so many other presidents and trustees from across the country. You find out that we all share the same problems and concerns. But, the good news is - we listen to one another, learn from each other and can work on them 'together' to help come up with a solution to whatever it might be.



One last thing - our *Il Giornale* publisher, Lauren DeFeo ([laurenlovestoride@gmail.com](mailto:laurenlovestoride@gmail.com)), specifically asked me to ask you to PLEASE send her any information about your lodges, families, friends, heritage, celebrations and/or amusing stories you can share in the *Il Giornale*. Everyone enjoys reading all of these things - much of it would probably hit home, I'm sure!

If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to e-mail me at [dolcevitaap@verizon.net](mailto:dolcevitaap@verizon.net).

In the meantime - Stay well - God Bless!

Fraternally and Sincerely,  
**Anita Lombardi Riley**, President

*Shown here with Rosalie Ranieri, Sara Owens and Frances Cipriotti during Italian Heritage Night at Ripken Stadium.*

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# Yearly Events

## ITALIAN HERITAGE NIGHT

July 29 at Ripken Stadium



## CRAB FEAST

August 26, 2018 in Rosedale



## MEMORIAL MASS

September 9, 2018 in Baltimore



## COLUMBUS GALA

October 27, 2018 in Timonium



## COLUMBUS PARADE

October 7, 2018 in Baltimore



## WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

October 7, 2018 in Baltimore



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

2nd Monday in December in Towson



## STREET FESTIVALS

September 30, 2019 in Annapolis!



## BULL & OYSTER ROASTS

Local Maryland Lodges



## SUPER RAFFLE

A winner every day!



Italy has world-class souvenir shopping – and we don't mean plastic trinkets. Think world famous markets, delicatessens packed full of local specialty foods, and the flagship stores of world-famous Italian designers. Wherever you go, Italy's artisanal products are the stars of the show. The country has a long history of creating some of the finest hand-made goods in the world and continues to ensure that the "Made in Italy" tag a mark of superior quality...look for:

**Leather (Florence)**

**Glassware (Murano, Venice)**

**Ceramics (Vietri sul Mare, Amalfi)**

**Nativity Scenes and Figurines (Naples)**

**Silk (Como)**



Each year on Aug 17, the northern Italian fishing village of Porto Venere is illuminated with more than 2,000 torches for the festival of the White Madonna, a tribute to the town's patron saint. The lights extend onto this rocky spur, which juts into the Gulf of La Spezia, also known as the Gulf of Poets. With views like this, we can easily see how it inspired poets and artists throughout history—including Lord Byron, who is said to have swum across this body of water to visit fellow poet Percy Bysshe Shelley.



# Scholarship Presentations at Ripken Stadium

*Photos Courtesy of Sara Owens*







**RIPKEN STADIUM**

**THE IRONBIRDS WELCOME...**

ANNAPOLIS LODGE <b>SUMMER TAMBASCIO</b> Stevenson University	HARFORD COUNTY LODGE <b>MAYA STEVENSON</b> Temple University
BELAIR ROAD LODGE <b>RHIANNON LIETUVNIKAS</b> Harford Community College	LITTLE ITALY LODGE <b>GABRIELLA MCLEAN</b> University of Maryland
BELAIR ROAD LODGE <b>TYLER WILLIAMS</b> Towson University	

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# Did you know?

The first **ITALIAN NEWSPAPER** in the U.S. was New York's *L'Eco D'Italia* in 1849.

Italian sailor **GIOVANNI DA VERRAZZANO**, from Florence, was the first European explorer to pass New York Harbor.

The first Italian to live in the United States was **PIETRO CESARE ALBERTI**, a Venetian sailor who settled in New York on June 2, 1635.

**FILIPPO MAZZEI**, an important physician and a good friend of Thomas Jefferson, acted as an agent to purchase arms for Virginia during the American Revolution.

**THE TALIAFERRO FAMILY**, originally from Venice, came to America in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century from England, and was one of the first families to settle in Virginia.

Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin were familiar with the Italian language and culture and with Roman history.

Though Italian presence was sparse before 1850, **LORENZO DA PONTE**, who wrote librettos for Mozart, taught the Italian language and literature at Columbia University. In 1825, he produced his *Don Giovanni* in New York.

**VATICAN CITY** is the only nation that can lock its own gates at night. It has its own phone company, radio and TV stations, money and stamps. It even has its own Army – the historic Swiss Guard.

No other country in Europe has as many **VOLCANOES** as Italy. This is because the Italian peninsula stands on a fault line.

Soon after the **TOWER OF PISA** was built in 1173, it began to lean. They believe it was caused by a poorly laid foundation. After reconstruction efforts in 2008, engineers declared the Tower should be stable for another 200 years.

## Celebrating Ferragosto at Canton Waterfront Park

*Photos Courtesy of Lauren DeFeo*





# Saint Gabriel Festival

Photos Courtesy of Thomas C. Scilipoti







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