



Maryland representatives at the OSIA National Convention in San Antonio, Texas: (from left to right) Vince Zaccaria, Frank Panessa, Frances A. Cipriotti, Anita Lombardi Riley, Mike & Fran Transparanti and Dan Longo.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

CIAO to my Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this find you well --- and happy! Hard to believe that Christmas is upon us and Santa is coming to town!

Most of what has been happening with the Grand Lodge events you will see in pictures when you open the newsletter. And, some happenings within the local lodges, as well.

2019 has been a good year for the Grand Lodge. Our larger local lodges have had some really great activities to share for our participation during the year and might add, very successful. Congratulations to all local lodges in their endeavors! I look forward to the coming year and accomplishing many more good things.

Our Membership Chair, Tony Montcalmo, informed us at our November meeting, that the OSIA of Maryland had increased membership by approximately 15% over the past year. How wonderful is that?! But - not to sound like a "Debbie Downer" – and although that is super fantastic – we should aim to double that in 2020! **Only you can help make that happen! Sign up** your children, grandchildren, relatives and friends as members. We have 'Social' members too – meaning you don't have to be of Italian descent in order to join! Many of our non-Italian friends enjoy just being part of us. Strength in numbers! Call the office for an application/s.

One thing I do specifically want to tell you about – for 2020 - the Grand Lodge of Maryland celebrates its 100th Birthday. How unbelievable is that? How many 'whatevers' can you *presently* be part of and celebrate its 100 years of existence? Not many. BUT ... YOU CAN THIS TIME. (See info inside.)

The Grand Lodge of Maryland is gearing up for its **100th Birthday Celebration on July 18, 2020. SAVE THAT DATE!** I am hoping that if you think it's a big deal, as I do, and you are an OSIA member (or not) **YOU WILL SUPPORT** this amazing feat by attending this celebration. More details will be forthcoming --- but **HOLD THAT DATE AND DON'T GIVE IT AWAY TO/FOR SOMETHING ELSE!** I'm counting on you.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** – good health and happiness in the New Year. I hope that God blesses one and all.

A **THANK YOU** to all of the Executive Officers, Past Presidents, Trustees, Committee Chairs. Lauren DeFeo, Editor of the *il Giornale* and Loretta Butta, our Executive Secretary for all they do! Without them, I'd be lost.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Anita Lombardi Riley
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CHRISTMAS TRIVIA-EASY

- Q: In the song "Frosty the Snowman," what made Frosty come to life?
 Q: What Christmas decoration was originally made from strands of silver?
 Q: Who played George Bailey in the Christmas classic "It's a Wonderful Life?"
 Q: What "spy" hides in a house, reporting back to Santa on who's been naughty and nice?
 Q: What Christmas beverage is also known as "milk punch?"
 Q: Which one of Santa's reindeer shares a name as a famous symbol of Valentine's Day?
 Q: What Christmas-themed ballet premiered in Saint Petersburg, Russia in 1892?
 Q: Which Christmas song did Bob & Doug McKenzie release their own version of in '81?
 Q: What 2004 film is about a train that carries kids to the North Pole on Christmas Eve?
 Q: What much-reviled Christmas edible is known for its long shelf life?

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA-NOT SO EASY

- Q: In Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," what was Mr. Scrooge's first name?
 Q: What Bing Crosby song is the best-selling single ever?
 Q: The first gingerbread houses were reportedly inspired by what famous fairy tale?
 Q: "Miracle on 34th Street" centers on what real-life department store?
 Q: In the song "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer," what "incriminating" evidence was found on Grandma's back?
 Q: How many reindeer are featured in the poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas?"
 Q: What traditional Christmas decoration is actually a parasitic plant?
 Q: In "The Muppet Christmas Carol," who played Scrooge? Hint: It wasn't a muppet.
 Q: What beverage company has been using Santa Claus in its advertising since 1931?
 Q: According to legend, what holiday goodies were shaped to resemble a shepherd's staff, as a way to remind children of the shepherds who visited baby Jesus?

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA-HARD

- Q: In the movie "A Christmas Story," what was the name of the next door neighbors whose dogs ate the Christmas turkey?
 Q: What figure from English folklore came to be associated with Santa Claus?
 Q: Who was the animatronic cassette-playing bear toy that every kid wanted for Christmas in the mid 80s.
 Q: In the 1964 classic "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," what was the name of Rudolph's faithful elf companion?
 Q: According to the folklore of Austria and other countries, what horned figure punishes naughty children at Christmastime?
 Q: In the TV special "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," what three words best describe the Grinch?
 Q: What well-known Christmas carol became the first song ever broadcast from space in 1965?
 Q: In what modern-day country was Saint Nicholas born?
 Q: What Christmas carol does the Peanuts gang sing at the end of "A Charlie Brown Christmas?"
 Q: "Twas the Night Before Christmas" was originally published under what name?
 Q: What holiday movie sequel includes a cameo by Donald Trump?

August Super Raffle Winners

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Eleanor Cotsoradis | 16 Carolyn Lawrence-Murphy |
| 2 Jack Fold | 17 Dolores Gregory |
| 3 Mike Barbagallo | 18 Mark DeNunzio |
| 4 Carolyn Lawrence-Murphy | 19 Ann Angeletti |
| 5 Joe Facciolo | 20 Frank Panessa |
| 6 Stephanie Donahuer | 21 Linda Nozeika |
| 7 Diane Lamancuse | 22 Ann Angeletti |
| 8 Marcel Vales | 23 Stephanie Corbin |
| 9 Flora Schirmbeck | 24 Mary Alberta |
| 10 Mary Transparenti | 25 Jerry Pantaleo |
| 11 Bryan Belli | 26 Marsha Pfunder |
| 12 Dominic Fornaro Lodge | 27 Karolyn & Ton Pergola |
| 13 Rich Baietti | 28 Charlie Ferraro |
| 14 Maria Pignati | 29 Mary Alberta |
| 15 Mary C. Maione | 30 Loretta Lombardi |
| | 31 Mae Hoffman |

September Super Raffle Winners

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| 1 Irene DiBattista | 16 Joe Milholland |
| 2 Rosemary Gear | 17 Mary Maione |
| 3 Eleanor Cotsoradis | 18 Rose Madden |
| 4 Anita Lombardi Riley | 19 Mike Barbagallo |
| 5 Nick Burzichelli | 20 Mike Transparenti |
| 6 Vic Lombardi | 21 Denneice Fusco |
| 7 Lisa Balmages | 22 Mike Wallace |
| 8 Gerry Maggio | 23 Marco Minnie |
| 9 Steven Moore | 24 Mary Louise |
| 10 Jerry Elliott | 25 Suzanne Miller |
| 11 Rico DiCamillo | 26 Jack Fold |
| 12 Bob Taylor | 27 Robert Segreti |
| 13 Sue Walmsley | 28 Denneice Fusco |
| 14 Maria Teresi | 29 Robert Taylor |
| 15 Ann Angeletti | 30 Mike Transparenti |

October Super Raffle Winners

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| 1 Sharon Patten | 16 Charles Ferraro |
| 2 Larry Barron | 17 Mary Jo Nadeau |
| 3 Fran Transparenti | 18 Diane Shaw |
| 4 Arline Panaggio | 19 Cecile Fraser |
| 5 Mary Maione | 20 John Bassolino |
| 6 Anita Riley | 21 Charles Ferraro |
| 7 Christine Rossetti | 22 Jay Kram |
| 8 Theresa Taylor | 23 Mary Chattin |
| 9 Tom Pomilla | 24 Bernard Kraus |
| 10 Vince Zaccaria | 25 Gloria Sadowski |
| 11 Anthony DeCamillo | 26 Michael Pfunder |
| 12 Jesse Brooks | 27 Janice Colmus |
| 13 Anthony DeCamillo | 28 Larry Barron |
| 14 Nina Stahl | 29 Theresa Taylor |
| 15 Anita Riley | 30 Mary Jo Nadeau |
| | 31 Michael Ashby |

Winter says, "Soup's on!"

TORTELLINI, WHITE BEAN & SPINACH SOUP

1 tsp. olive oil
2 C. chopped onion
1/2 C. chopped red pepper
1 tsp. dried Italian seasoning
3 garlic cloves, chopped
2 C. coarsely chopped spinach
2/3 C. water
1 16 oz. can jalapeno, navy or pinto beans, dried
1 14 oz. can vegetable broth
1 14.5 oz. can no-salt added tomatoes, undrained and chopped
1 14 oz. can artichoke hearts, drained
1 9 oz. pkg. uncooked fresh cheese filled tortellini
1/4 C. grated fresh parmesan cheese

Heat oil in a large dutch oven over medium high heat. Add onion, pepper, Italian seasoning and garlic. Saute' 5 minutes or until tender. Add spinach, water, beans, broth, tomatoes and artichokes. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, simmer for 2 minutes. Add tortellini and cook until thoroughly heated. Sprinkle with cheese.

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100th Anniversary**

of the

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**Order Sons of Italy
in America**

Saturday, July 18, 2020

7 - 11 pm

Boumi Shrine

5050 King Avenue

Rosedale, Maryland 21237

Look for details to follow!

Just imagine 100 years ago, on July 18, 1920, the National Charter of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was signed. We continue our legacy of preserving Italian culture and heritage. Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our ancestors and come together to set a course for future generations!

News from the Harford County Lodge:

Happy 80th Birthday, Domenico Ferrara!

Happy 50th Birthday, David Domenico Ferrara!



*This photo left to right:
David Domenico Ferrara, John D. Ferrara, Domenico Ferrara
(Harford County OSIA Lodge and Knights of Columbus)
Richard L. Ferrara, and Lisa Rose Ferrara.*

*Photo to the right:
Domenico Ferrara now 80 years old and his youngest son, David
Domenico Ferrara, now 50 years old.*



*Pictured below: Domenico Ferrara with his
cousins who immigrated to America from
Palena, Abruzzo Italy in the 1950's. Top Row:
Domenico Ferrara, Fernando Pierorazio,
Raffaele Pierorazio, Giovanni Pierorazio,
Gino Pierorazio. Bottom Row: Emilia (DiP-
ietro) Pierorazio, Elena Pierorazio, Cristina
(Ferrara) Liberatore, Davide Galasso (seat-
ed), Gerardo Pierorazio, Imelda (Pierorazio)
Liberatore, Ada (Ferrara) Galasso, Filomena
(Pierorazio) DiBattista, Albina (Ferrara)
Perry, and Lydia (Pierorazio) Geigan.*



News from the Towson Dulaney Lodge:



"THE NIÑOS BROTHERS: THE AFRO-SPANISH CONNECTION AND NAVAL CONTRIBUTION TO COLUMBUS'S NEW WORLD VOYAGE"

Presented by Dr. Nicolino Applauso, Ph.D.

on **November 13, 2019 at the Towson Dulaney OSIA Lodge**
Dr. Applauso received set-up assistance from sons Antonio and Luca. Dr. Applauso is Founder and Director of the Applauso Italian Learning Center (Cockeysville, MD) as well as a faculty member at Loyola University (Baltimore). He has numerous publications to his credit, including the just released book *Dante's Comedy and the Ethics of Invective in Medieval Italy: Humor and Evil*. Special guest at the event: Grand Lodge President Anita Lombardi Riley.

Left to right: Luca (son); Prof. Nicolino Applauso, Ph.D.; Antonio (son)
Photographer: Jeannette Applauso

Thanksgiving Baskets of food donated by members of the Towson Dulaney Lodge were distributed to needy families at St. Joseph Church in Fullerton.



Helen Motto's CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Left, Helen with another long time member, Mary Mangione and Mary's daughter, Linda Licata.

Right, Helen with Towson Dulaney Lodge Vice President, Pat Stidham.



The Towson/Dulaney Lodge sponsored a trip to see "JESUS" at the famous Sight and Sound Theatre on September 17, 2019!



Kudos to Maryann Albaugh (Lodge Treasurer) for exclusively handling the Day trip and Helen Motto's centennial celebration. Special thanks to Charity Chair Joe Cavallucci (Lodge Guard) for handling the collection of food and the presentation to St. Joseph's Church.

2019 National OSIA Convention in San Antonio



PHOTO GALLERY

OSIA Grand Lodge meets with the Italian Labor Union

Photograph Courtesy of Elia Manetta



by Anita Lombardi Riley

Labor officials from the largest labor union in Italy (1.8 Million) were visiting the United States for the first time – their host for the 5-day visit was Elia Manetta, long-time member of the Little Italy Lodge (*who took this picture*).

The Grand Lodge of Maryland, along with several other Italian organizations, was asked to participate in a meeting with the visiting Italian Labor Officials to give them insight about our organization and how we promote our heritage.

They were impressed with what each organization had to tell them and stated that it seemed as if 'we' (*Italian/Americans*) here in the United States are more proud of being Italian than the Italians in Italy! Sounds like we're doing something right .

It was a good meeting and we were very happy to be a part of it.



TRIP TO ITALY

Italy...October 2020...9 days of splendor! Approximate cost is \$3440 (*includes air travel, first class hotels, tours, transportation and 13 meals*). Stops in **Venice, Padua, Modena, Florence, Siena, San Gimignano, Maggiore, Assisi, Rome and Pisa** (*optional tour*). The details are being finalized at this time. Contact **Debbie D'Adamo** (*Harford County*) deborahdadamo@gmail.com or 433-761-2369 with questions or to reserve your space. Respond ASAP so that you don't miss out!

PHOTO GALLERY

Constantino Brumidi Statue Dedication

Photograph and Article Courtesy of Anita Lombardi Riley

Constantino Brumidi is considered to be the 'Michaelangelo' of America. He is most noted as the artist who painted the Dome (and some rooms) in the Capital Building in Washington, D.C., as well as rooms in the White House.

Mr. Brumidi was born in Rome in 1835. Brumidi emigrated to America around the age of 27, having a very interesting background. He is of both Italian and Greek descent.

A statue in his honor was dedicated in Annapolis, MD on October 19, 2019 - thanks to the Foundation of Hellenism in America and the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. Annapolis, MD was chosen because Maryland has a large population of those of Italian and Greek descent – it is close to Washington, D.C., which also has a large population of those of Italian and Greek descent.

Mayor Gavin Buckley and the City Council of Annapolis agreed that the Brown-Leanos Park would fit the bill in allowing the statue to be placed there. They are right. A beautiful breakfast reception took place prior to the dedication - with many notable speakers - and a champagne toast and cutting of a cake - followed the dedication.

The bronze statue, sculpted in Verona, Italy, was bought and paid for by the members and friends of the Foundation of Hellenism. The beautiful base of the statue was funded by the Supreme OSDIA Foundation and the Grand Lodge of MD, as well as Dominic Petrucci Contractor, Inc. (who built the base) and friends. A plaque on the base lists all major contributors. OSI Foundation President, Joe Sciame, traveled from New York to share in the dedication.

It was a wonderful tribute to Mr. Brumidi, a very talented artist. If you are ever in Annapolis, stop by and see the statue. You will not be disappointed – and as an Italian/Italian American – should make you proud!



Mayor of Annapolis, Italian Representative, Michael Servos, Dominic Petrucci, Anita Lombardi Riley, Joe Sciame, President, Sons of Italy Foundation and Mrs. Servos.



Left to right: Greek Ambassador Theodoros Bizakis, Annapolis Mayor Gavin Buckley and Michael Servos, President of the Foundation of Hellenism in America.

PHOTO GALLERY

2019 OSIA Wreath Laying Ceremony

Photographs Courtesy of Phil Caccamisi of the Towson Dulaney Lodge



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Annapolis Italian Festival

Photographs Courtesy of Lauren DeFeo of the Belair Road Lodge



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2019 OSIA Memorial Mass

Photographs Courtesy of Anthony Montcalmo of the LittleItaly Lodge



PHOTO GALLERY

2019 Columbus Gala at Martin's Eastwind

*Photographs Courtesy of Phil Caccamisi of the Towson Dulaney Lodge
and Tresa Petrecca of the Belair Road Lodge*



2019 Columbus Gala

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PHOTO GALLERY

Grand Lodge Christmas Party

Photographs Courtesy of Lauren DeFeo of the Belair Road Lodge

