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CIAO to all

I hope this finds you well. On one hand, it looks as if possibly some things may be getting back to normal, but on the other, I think we're still in the 'wait and see' mode. Hang tough! We'll get through it. The Grand Council is still meeting via zoom, but hoping that come October, we will be able to meet 'in person'. But, that's another 'wait and see.'

Two major things to report:

The Columbus Celebrations Committee celebrated its 'annual' Italian Heritage Festival on October 3rd in Baltimore's Little Italy. Congratulations to the committee for their hard work and dedication in making it happen. It was a total success and a great - and fun - way to celebrate your Italian heritage! Look for one again next year and become part of the celebration!

The Grand Lodge had and was in the works to celebrate 'Christopher Columbus' as we have done for the past 25 plus years! BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, IT SEEMS THAT THERE ARE MANY MEMBERS WHO ARE STILL VERY LEERY about being part of a large group setting at this time. Due to the feeling that it would not be successful, and not much of a 'celebration,' and lots of discussion with many, I have decided to CANCEL the 'Columbus Celebration' set for October 10th, 2021.

My sincere thanks to all who did support the effort, but very unfortunately for us, 'Ms. Virus' and her sister 'Ms. Variant' have taken control over the situation. LOOK for a Spring event to take its place.

Our Grand Lodge Crab Feast in August was a huge success! Best one ever attended! Lots of eating, talking and dancing. I think everyone was ready to get out and boogie!! You would never have thought a virus was lingering out there! Thanks very much to all who attended and Vince Zaccaria, Chair and his committee.

The OSIA annual Memorial Mass took place on Sunday, September 26th at St. Leo's in Little Italy. It was a beautiful Mass with a dedication to the Blessed Mother and well attended by the OSIA members. A luncheon took place after the Mass at Chiaparelli's Restaurant and as always, our Ida and Helen took excellent care of us!

Unfortunately, the October bus trip to New York for Scholarship is canceled. Too much happening in New York at the moment, but I am hoping for a Spring trip. Pray it happens.

The OSIA National has elected a new president - Bob Bianchi - out of New Jersey. He is very much into the 21st Century and obtaining new and younger membership - very much needed so the Order continues to grow as an organization. He has been and will continue to be an asset to the Order.

Check out the website for any and all events coming up at www.osiamd.org. Check out National website www.osia.org for all the happenings there. You'll be surprised! OSIA does lots more than you probably know! Meanwhile, stay healthy and I sincerely thank you for your support and all that you do for OSIA!

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SO HOW DID I, MR. TURKEY, BECOME A THANKSGIVING CENTERPIECE, YOU ASK?

DID PILGRIMS EAT TURKEY AT THANKSGIVING?

The short answer: Nobody knows for sure if turkey was served at the harvest celebration held by the pilgrims of Plymouth colony in 1621, but 'wild fowl' is certainly mentioned in historical accounts.

The best existing account comes from colonist Edward Winslow, author of *Mourt's Relation: A Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth*. His first-hand account included

no explicit mention of turkey. He does, however, mention Pilgrims gathering 'wild fowl' for the meal, although that could just as likely have meant ducks or geese. Turkeys are a possibility, but were not common food at that time. We also know that the Wampanoag Native Americans brought five deer with them, so venison was on the menu. Seafood was plentiful, so lobster and clams were probably included, as well.

Edward Winslow's account also mentions "our governor sent four men, so that we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruits of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the company almost a week, at which time amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest, their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our Governor, and upon the Captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."



There was only one other first-hand account of that first 'Thanksgiving'; colonist William Bradford kept a journal titled *Of Plymouth Plantation* and Governor at the time. He writes:

"And besides waterfowl there was great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many, besides venison, etc. Besides, they had about a peck a meal a week to a person, or now since harvest, Indian corn to that proportion."

So, he mentions wild turkeys, but not whether such birds were served at any Thanksgiving gathering. (The Old Farmer's Almanac)

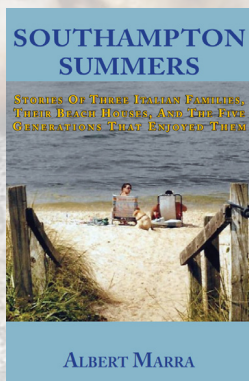
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POPEYE THE SAILOR MAN – WHO KNEW?

His 'real' name was Frank "Rocky" Fiegel. Born in Poland in 1868 and immigrated to the U.S. as a child with his parents.

As a young man, he went to sea. After a 20 year career in the Merchant Marines, he retired. He later went to work as a 'bouncer' in a rowdy bar. He quickly developed a reputation for always being involved in fighting (usually winning). As a result, he had a deformed eye (thus Pop-eye). He smoked a pipe and always spoke out of one side of his mouth.

In his spare time, he would entertain customers with exciting stories of his adventures and claimed to have had, as a sailor, crossed the 'Seven Seas'. The creator of "Popeye" – Elzie Segar, met Rocky at the tavern and would sit for hours listening to his amazing 'sea stories'. Later, Segar became a cartoonist and developed a comic strip called 'Thimble Theatre' and asked Fiegel if she could model it after him. Fiegel was flattered and agreed.

Ironically, Elzie based her character of "Olive Oyl" on an actual person – Dora Paskel – owner of a small grocery store located in the area and looked a lot like Ms. Oyl! Through the years, Elzie kept in touch with Rocky and helped him with money; giving him a small percentage of what he earned from his Popeye illustrations.

And, there you have it --- the rest of the story!



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How to Say: Words Related to the Autumn Season

By Silvia Donati

The autumn season – **la stagione autunnale** – is definitely here, with crisp days, changing colors and seasonal food products to enjoy.

So let's look at some of the vocabulary and phrases related to this beautiful season.

Fall/autumn is **autunno**.

While the so-called foliage does not have a literal translation in Italian, we would talk about **i colori d'autunno**.

Leaves – **le foglie** – change from green, **verde**, to orange, **arancione**, to yellow, **giallo**, to red, **rosso**.

To admire the changing colors, go for walks in the mountains, **fare passeggiate in montagna** – we recommend this trip in the Isarco Valley of South Tyrol.

What we also love about **l'autunno** is the range of delicious foods produced this time of year – **sapori d'autunno**.

Such as:

zucca – pumpkin, think **tortelli di zucca**

tartufo - truffle (check our foodie guide to il tartufo)

funghi – mushrooms; **risotto ai funghi porcini**, anyone?

castagne – chestnuts, **da mangiare passeggiando per il centro**, to eat while walking in the city center

uva – grapes; autumn is also time for the grape harvest, **tempo di vendemmia**

- **vino novello** – new wine

- **olio nuovo** – new olive oil

What's your favorite thing about **l'autunno**?