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Joseph Maranto (left) and Lou Marzullo (right) of the Towson Dulaney Lodge Scholarship Committee award a \$1000.00 scholarship to Calvert Hall senior, Matthew Maimone (center) at their July Dinner Meeting.



Ciao to my Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this finds you well. Hard to imagine, but Fall is only a couple of weeks away. Wishing for a good Winter and hoping that Mother Nature is kind.

The Grand Council meetings the past couple of months have been held in-person and by zoom. It's been working out well with thanks to Brothers Mike Castino and Tony Montcalmo at the helm making it happen. I am, in all honesty, hoping that we get back to total in-person meeting at some point. It is so nice 'seeing' one another in the flesh, so-to-speak. I suppose time will tell.

The Grand Lodge has had two (2) successful events since I last wrote. We had the Scholarship Day at Ripken Stadium in honor of our scholarship recipients – from the Grand Lodge and local lodges as well - with over 90 people in attendance (see pictures). Two weeks ago we enjoyed our Crab Feast with almost 160 people in attendance to benefit our Scholarship Fund. Sincere 'thanks' to everyone who came to either or both. Your support is appreciated.

Special thanks to Rosalie Ranieri and Frances Cipriotti for a job very well done on Scholarship Day and to Vince Zaccaria and committee for the great job done on the Crab Feast!

Columbus Day is approaching (October 12). See inside for the few 'facts and myths' about Columbus. I hope you celebrate him in some way. October 12 is 'our Italian holiday', a signed bill by President Johnson in 1968 making Columbus Day a federal holiday! Be proud of your heritage – regardless of what is said by others about Columbus or our heritage in general.

As you're reading this, our annual Memorial Mass has taken place at St. Leo's in Little Italy with a lunch at Chiapparelli's following the Mass. If you've never been, it's a very nice way to celebrate our deceased members. It usually takes place the Sunday after Labor Day. Look for it next year and come and honor lodge members, relatives, and those who have come before us.

Check our website from time to time under 'events.' Several of our lodges have events during the year and one or two (or more) might be of interest to you. Check it out! The lodges and its members will welcome you with open arms! Looking to join a lodge? Call or e-mail us!

Our 2023 SUPER RAFFLE tickets are here and ready to be sold! If you'd like some (they make great Christmas gifts), don't hesitate to e-mail me – dolcevitaap@verizon.net - or your lodge president. All profits from the raffle go into our Scholarship Fund. Thanks.

That's about it for now... if you have questions, don't hesitate to call. If no one is there, leave a message and number. We will return your call. Thanks for all that you do AND for your support!

In the meantime... stay well...and may God always Bless America!

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I CAN USE SOME HELP...

Newsletters are always most enjoyable when they contain human interest stories.
We have a whopper of one in THIS issue, but it would be so much better if we had one in EVERY issue!
Please think about sharing a story - short or long - which describes an interesting event or situation.
It can be serious or funny or both. The key ingredient is that it stimulates an emotion in our readers.
They may be able to identify or sympathize with, fantasize about or criticize the story...
but it moved them in some way!
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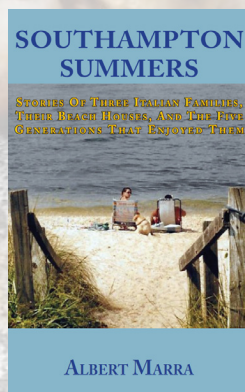
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MOST ITEMS SHARPENED WHILE YOU WAIT!

Ultimate Italian Summer Treat

I happened upon this article in the Food Section a couple of weeks ago in the Baltimore Sun. Knowing we have lots and lots of Sicilians in the OSIA, I thought that maybe it would be of interest and, IF you do happen to try it, will you let us know what you think?!

It's called 'Creamy Gelato on Buttery Bun.' It is also referred to as the 'Sicilian Ice Cream Sandwich' and often eaten for breakfast in the hottest months of the year.

Makes 6 Servings:

2 pints gelato (choose your own flavors)

6 brioche buns

3 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided

Flaky sea salt



1. Let the 2 pints of gelato sit at room temperature to soften slightly. Meanwhile, split 6 brioche buns for toasting.
2. Melt 1 tablespoon of the unsalted butter in a 12-inch heavy-bottomed skillet (preferably cast iron) over medium heat and swirl the pan so the bottom is coated.
3. Add 2 sets of buns cut-side down and cook until toasted and golden brown. About 2 to 3 minutes.
4. Transfer buns to a cutting board cut-side up and sprinkle with a pinch of flaky sea salt. Repeat toasting the remaining buns in two more batches, adding 1 tablespoon unsalted butter to the pan before each batch.
5. Let all the toasted buns cool for 5 minutes. Top each bottom half of the brioche buns with ½ pint of gelato (about 2 scoops). Press the top buns gently on top to adhere and serve immediately!

Verna Barbagallo Dietrich and her sister, Gloria Barbagallo Sadowski enjoying the annual Crab Feast!



Columbus Day holiday is fast approaching (October 12th). It is one of America's oldest patriotic holidays, first celebrated in the 18th Century. There are more monuments in the United State honoring Columbus than any other nation in the world. The United States, for much of its history, has considered Columbus a man worthy of admiration. His arrival in 1492 marked the beginning of recorded history in America and opening relations between the Americas and the rest of the world. Below are listed only a few 'facts versus fiction' about Columbus – researched by many and thanks to the OSIA Commission for Social Justice for bringing it to light for us to know.

FICTION: Columbus was a slave trader.

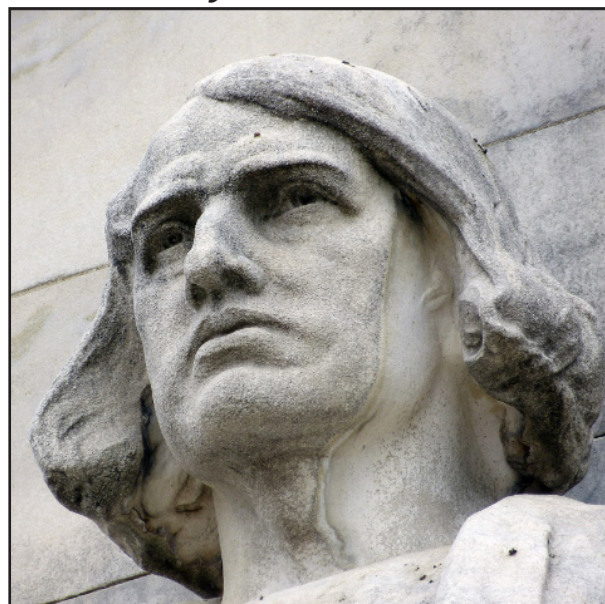
FACT: Columbus never owned slaves or brought any to the Western Hemisphere from Africa. During his first voyage in 1492, Columbus landed on the island of Hispaniola (now Haiti and the Dominican Republic). There, with the help of a tribe of friendly Taino Indians, he built a fort called Navidad and left 40 of his crew there when he returned to Spain in January 1493.

FICTION: Columbus was a racist.

FACT: No evidence indicates that Columbus thought the islanders he met were racially inferior in any way. In fact, in the journal of his first voyage, Columbus describes the Taino Indians and other tribes as "well-made with fine shapes and faces ...their eyes were large and very beautiful... straight-limbed without exception and handsomely shaped..." He praises their generosity, innocence and intelligence, saying they could 'readily become Christians as they have a good understanding.'

FICTION: Columbus committed genocide.

FACT: The destruction of the native populations of North and South America over the centuries is a complex historical tragedy. No one knows exactly how many people were here when the Europeans arrived. Many researchers believe the number to be around 40 million. Columbus made four voyages to the Caribbean in a 12-year period (1492-1504), spending from only seven months to two years and nine months (including the year he was shipwrecked on his fourth voyage). It is inconceivable that he could have killed millions of people in so short a time. After Columbus, millions of European immigrants brought their art, music, science, medicine, philosophy and religious principles to America. We 'celebrate' Columbus Day to recognize the achievements of a great Renaissance explorer who founded the first permanent European settlement in the New World. It is 'our' holiday – I hope you celebrate the holiday with pride for the man who brought us much!



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DELMO FRANK TRILLI

Interviewed by Kimberly Scolaro, OSDIA Lodge 2225

ODSIA Lodge 2225 is proud to introduce you to our oldest member, Dell Trilli. Dell is 101 years old. The secret to his longevity? “Happy Marriage, being healthy, and taking care of yourself.” I enjoyed sitting down and talking with Dell. Before we started, he took me into his “trophy” room that contained photos of the ships he served on, newspaper clippings, letters of commendation and Redskins memorabilia. It gave me a good sense of who Dell was and helped to shape our conversation. And he had a lot to tell me!

Delmo Frank Trilli was born on December 14,1920 in NE Washington, DC. Dell was born at home in a row house at the foot of the Capitol in Washington, DC. He was the youngest of 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. His father was a stone worker who immigrated to America at 17 and immediately headed to Washington to work on the railroad, which was busy building Union Station. It was just a barn when his father arrived, but it was built to be a major transportation hub for the East Coast. His father came from [Roccaraso, Italy](#), near the Adriatic Sea. His mother made the children learn to speak Italian. She also made an excellent [braciolo](#), which he remembers fondly.

As a boy, Dell’s playground was the grounds of the US Capitol building. His father saved five thousand dollars and bought a house for the family in cash. Just two months later, the Great Depression hit, and the banks ran out of money. Dell moved into that house when he was 9 years old. He spent his childhood playing sports at a Boys Club, enjoying baseball and basketball, playing on teams during the summers and after school. (he notes he was not big enough for football) He graduated from Eastern High School in 1939, the only high school in NE Washington. His sister had advised that he take typing class in school, which turned out to be a pivotal decision for him. Once out of high school, Dell’s brother was a printer in the union and was able to secure a union apprenticeship for Dell as a typesetter.

At 21, World War 2 was going strong, and Dell enlisted in the Navy. A lot of the kids were 16-18 years old, many having lied about their ages, so Dell was the old man of his section. He enlisted for the duration of the war plus 6 months. He did his basic training at [Great Lakes, Illinois](#), which was still under construction. His typing experience in high school gave him the opportunity to train to be a radio operator. He attended radio school at Northwestern University and later a coding school in Vallejo, California. He learned to type code, “dits and dahs.” He was sent to Pearl Harbor and served aboard the [USS Crouter](#). He enjoyed life in Hawaii, as he was able to take the train to Honolulu on days off. In Hawaii, Dell rose through the ranks of the Navy, becoming second class in 4 months. Dell was one of eight [radiomen](#), with 5 of his fellow radiomen were Italian with both parents having immigrated to America from Italy as well. He was on the Crouter until he was sent to the USS Langley.

The [USS Langley](#) was the Navy’s first aircraft carrier being commissioned in Philadelphia. They needed a 1st class radioman, so Dell was promoted to first class (that’s third class to first class in one year’s time!) The Langley was out to sea, so they put Dell on a tanker for a few weeks until the Langley needed to refuel. He was transferred to the Langley on a [breeches buoy](#), which was a highlight for him. The Langley was in the third fleet in the Pacific and spent 2 years out to sea.

Dell met his wife Jeannette Chillem when he was home on leave. She was Sicilian from New Jersey but was visiting her sister in Washington. Dell had been away from home, having done back to back deployments and school. Her sister Josephine was friends



with Dell’s sister and he knew her family, but had not met Jean. The girls played matchmaker and introduced the two. After courting Jean for a week, his leave was up so Dell went back to finish his time in the Pacific and they corresponded for a year through letters. Once the ship returned to Philadelphia, he called Jean. They were married on July 27, 1946 in New Jersey. They initially lived with his parents in DC until they got an apartment. They purchased their first home shortly after in District Heights, Maryland, just outside of the city. He wanted to see how far the printing industry had progressed, so he used his GI Bill and attended a graphic arts school in Baltimore.

Dell and Jean went on to have three children- Susan, Adrienne (Dee Dee) and finally AJ. Dell got a union job with his brother and went back into printing, working at the Washington Post and then the Government Printing Office (GPO), where one of the highlight of his career was typesetting the [Warren Report](#), the JFK Assassination records. He moved on to work for a legal printer, Wilson Epps, before he started his own business in 1967, Valley Graphics in Hyattsville. Dell retired at 65.

Dell and Jean bought a home in Heritage Harbor, Annapolis 38 years ago. Dell originally joined the Ocean City OSDIA Lodge when it was founded. He had property in Ocean City, but when he moved to Annapolis, he changed his membership to the Annapolis Lodge. He and Jean were married for nearly 70 years until her passing. He lives by himself now and spends a lot of time with his children, 10 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and a new great great grandchild! I asked him his secret to living so long and he said: “Happy Marriage, being healthy, taking care of yourself.” (And he noted that he stopped smoking during the Kennedy administration) He also still does push-ups every morning and night in his bed and extends his hands and arms 100 times each. He looks forward to seeing his children every Wednesday for lunch, a tradition that his wife started many years ago. We are also lucky to see him at our OSDIA meetings monthly and at our Italians Eating Out socials.

