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Letter from our President

Ciao Everyone!

Hope you're all well and hooray, Summer is here!! Can you believe it?

Everything has been good with the Grand Lodge – but, a little more quiet than usual. In some cases, quiet is a good thing!

The Grand Lodge had its annual Bull/Oyster Roast in April. It turned out well with lots of raw oysters to be had and the buffet menu was delicious. Now, it's time for our annual and much looking forward to "Crab Feast" to be held on Sunday, August 27 @ Rosedale Gardens. It is always a great affair and well attended. Mark the date on your calendar and see the flyer inside with more details.

There are lots of pictures inside this newsletter from several of the Local Lodge events that took place the past few months. Several of the Local Lodges have been busy – but, that is a good thing!

Mike Castino, 1st VP of the Grand Lodge and also the president of the Harford County Lodge had the honor of presenting an award to singer Frankie Valli on behalf of the Grand Lodge of MD. The award was given to Mr. Valli for his constant "positive image" as an Italian American throughout his career. Mr. Valli appeared at the Lyric Theatre in March. After the show Mike was given a backstage pass to meet and present the award. Mr. Valli said he was honored and thanked the OSDIA Grand Lodge for this award. (Mr. Valli just turned 90 years old but is still going strong – and Mike says he still sounds like the Valli of old! Vince Zaccaria, our National Trustee and his son Tony were there, as well.)

The Grand Lodge will be holding its annual Columbus Gala on Sunday, October 27 (our annual tribute to Christopher Columbus) and will be held at Rosedale Gardens. Our "honoree" is Brother Santo Grasso – he is an Italian American whom I believe everyone in Little Italy, every Italian organization in Maryland and way beyond, knows! I hope you will plan to attend to honor Santo for his hard work, dedication and a great example of an Italian American who loves his heritage!

Look on our website (osiamd.org) for our Local Lodge events coming up throughout the Summer and Fall. Note: the annual Italian Heritage Festival that has taken place every October in Little Italy will take place in Towson this year. Watch for more details to follow.

Meanwhile stay well and have a fun and happy Summer! Thanks for all you do and much appreciated support!

Anita Lombardi Riley
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Frankie Valli Honored for positive representation

Mike Castino, First Vice President of the OSDIA Grand Lodge of Maryland and President of the Harford County Lodge, presented an award to Mr. Frankie Valli (The Four Seasons) on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Maryland after his performance at the Lyric Theatre in Baltimore on March 24, 2024.

Mr. Valli was given the award for his **positive** and constant representation as an Italian American throughout his music and acting career. Mr. Valli just recently turned 90 years of age and is still going strong. He said that he was “extremely appreciative to receive the award and very grateful to the OSDIA Grand Lodge of Maryland for the recognition.”



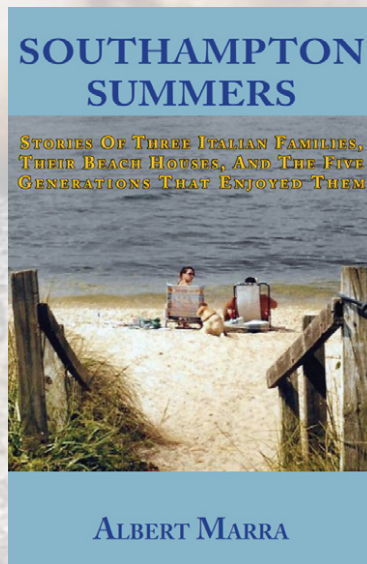
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Crowds Pack Ocean City St. Joseph Day Festival Despite Weather

Ocean City MD's chapter of the Sons and Daughters of Italy had another successful St. Joseph's Day Festival despite concerns about the impact of a spring storm that brought blustery winds and heavy rain to the resort city.

Organizers were worried about the financial impact of the weather on the festival that took almost half a year to plan and manage, and which is the main fund raiser for the chapter's charitable giving program. That's because much of the festival's attraction was its cornucopia of home-style Italian foods. The meatballs, sausages, ravioli, Cannoli, breads, pastries, deserts, wines and other beverages were already bought and paid for or cooked from scratch. Then there were the dozens of gift baskets and silent auction items filled with donations from local merchants. What do you do with them if no one showed up to buy raffle tickets or bid in the auction?

The storm hit as forecast on the Saturday of the Festival, March 23, and anxiety was high before the Festival doors were opened. Would the storm keep festival goers at home, with the chapter having to eat the cost of food and beverages? That didn't happen.

The annual festival is so popular that every year it attracts well over a thousand guess who come for the food and to buy the basket raffle tickets or bid on silent auction items. Singing and dancing to Italian music every year adds to the festivities. They came this year also, despite the storm.

Attendance was down from last year's 1,600 plus, but not so much that the festival could not raise the money it needed to continue it's charity program in 2024. The St. Joseph Day Festival was, once again, a success in Ocean City despite Mother Nature.

In the kitchen two days before the festival, a full crew spent all day making home-made meatballs that were served with ravioli or on sub sandwiches.



The St. Joseph Day Festival designated eating area was packed all day with guests hungry for the large selection of Italian delicacies!

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In keeping with our mission to help the needy, elderly, and scholarships...

the **Towson Dulaney OSDIA** Board approved a \$500 donation to Roxanne's son, Ryan Schwartz who suffered a diving accident and is now a paraplegic. A check was presented to Roxanne at our meeting by Janice, Lil, Betty and Maryann. Johnny was present as well. Sincerely submitted by Filippo Caccamisi, Lodge President.

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Towson Dulaney/ ACIM sponsor trip to Italian Embassy in D.C.

The Towson Dulaney OSDIA Lodge #2292 and the ACIM (American Citizens for Italian Matters) co-sponsored a bus trip to the Italian Embassy in Washington D.C. on Friday, May 3rd. The weather cooperated which made for a very pleasant day. We were surprised to see such a modern building. I think some of us were expecting to see something reminiscent of Roman architecture. All the materials for the building came from Italy. Except for the dome ceiling, which was built by Americans, everything else was built by Italians. There was a presentation made by three Italian representatives of the embassy including one diplomat. They spoke on the responsibilities and duties of the employees there. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch at Maggiano's in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Sincerely submitted by Fillipo Caccamisi, Lodge President

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National OSDIA President, Michael Polo, attends March OSDIA Grand Lodge of Maryland Council meeting.





OSDIA Grand Lodge of Maryland President, Anita Lombardi-Riley standing to the far left with Frank Ragone, President of the Antonio Gatto Lodge, to her left and Mike Castino, First Vice President of the OSDIA Grand Lodge of Maryland and President of the Harford County Lodge, behind them both.

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APRIL 2024

ITALY TRIVIA ROUND 1: GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ITALY

1. What is the capital of Italy?
2. What is the famous tower in Pisa called?
3. What cup size, meaning "thirty" in Italian, was introduced by Starbucks in 2011 for 31-ounce cold beverages?
4. What is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea and a region of Italy?
5. How do you say "hello" in Italian?
6. How do you say "thank you" in Italian?
7. What is the name of the sea that lies to the east of Italy?
8. Which country that lies to the north of Italy?
9. Which country that lies to the northwest of Italy?
10. How do you say "goodbye" in Italian?
11. How do you say "cheers" in Italian?
12. How do you say "excuse me" in Italian?
13. The international airport in Venice is named in honor of which locally-born explorer and writer?

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