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*View from the Isle of Capri*

## *Letter from our President*

*Ciao to my Brothers and Sisters,*

*I hope this finds you well ... and happy!*

*It's been a while since I've talked with you. But, it's been a busy year for the Grand Lodge of Maryland. I'm not complaining – that's a good thing!*

*We started off the year with our Oyster/Bull Roast in March; Crab Feast in August - all very successful – and participated in the Italian Heritage Festival held on October 19 at its new location in Towson, MD. There were almost 6,000 in attendance, great food, entertainment, children's activities, etc. and several Italian organizations participating in the festival. Look for the festival again next year in October. Job well done!*

*We were pleased to honor Brother Santo (Sam) Grasso of the Little Italy Lodge with the 2024 Columbus Award and presented at our annual "Columbus Gala" on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Close to 200 were in attendance to recognize and celebrate him for his dedication and outstanding achievements and contributions to the Grand Lodge of Maryland - and I might add – extreme pride in his heritage, along with his work in Italian American communities and St. Leo's church.*

*Our Local Lodges have been very busy, as well. Several have had many events over the summer and fall and participated in festivals. I urge you to go to our website and look to see what events are coming up and something may pluck your interest. ([osiamd.org](http://osiamd.org)) JOIN US! Become a member of the OSDIA, the largest and oldest Italian American organization in the United States and Canada. Keep our heritage alive and well! (410-668-6742)*

*Attention: 2025 Super Raffle tickets are available. If you haven't gotten yours yet – e-mail Anita [dolcevitaap@verizon.net](mailto:dolcevitaap@verizon.net) or Fran [mikeandfranT@verizon.net](mailto:mikeandfranT@verizon.net). \$25.00 each. Daily drawings. Makes a great Christmas and/or Birthday gift! All proceeds go into our Scholarship Fund.*

*It's hard to believe that the holidays are fast approaching. Time goes so fast! I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a VERY HAPPY, BLESSED THANKSGIVING - of which we have much to be thankful – and a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS (Jesus is the reason for the season) and a HEALTHY, HAPPY 2025! God Bless you ... and I thank you for all you do!*

*I THANK ALL of my Executive Officers, Trustees, and Executive Secretary for their help and support this past year. No one can do everything all by themselves!*

*Sincerely and fraternally,  
Anita Lombardi Riley  
President*

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## ***2025 St. Joseph's Day Festival Planning Underway***

March 2025 may seem a long way off from October 2024, but not when you have to plan to feed and entertain an estimated 1,500 visitors. That's why the Ocean City Chapter of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in October began organizing the 2025 St. Joseph Day Festival that brings family style Italian food and fun to the resort.

The 13th annual Festival will be held on Saturday, March 22, at its usual location, St. Andrews Hall, Synepuxent Avenue and 144th street in Ocean City. As always, admission is free. Once inside the doors, festival goers will experience home-style Italian foods, breads,



baked goods, pastries, and desserts, accompanied by Italian music throughout the day.

Italian-themed merchandise will be available for sale. Stuffed gift baskets and baskets of joy filled with wine and spirits will be raffled off. Silent auctions will be held for a variety of packages, including sports packages and leisure activities. For the more adventurous, the Pick Six wheel game will return, and tickets can be purchased for the 50-50 drawing.



*The initial meeting of the 2025 planning committee for the SDOI 13th annual St. Joseph's Day Festival.*

The Ocean City chapter of the Sons and Daughters of Italy was started in 1980 and today has almost 200 members. Its mission includes increasing awareness of the Italian culture and contributions of Italian Americans to the United States, helping the community with scholarships for high school students and a tradition of charitable giving to support local organizations.

The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America has been in existence in the U.S. since 1905. The Ocean City lodge was started by Italian businessmen and women in May of 1980. Its mission includes increasing awareness of the Italian culture and contributions of Italian Americans to the progress of the US.

Today Ocean City Lodge 2474, with almost 200 members living in Worcester County, Md. and Sussex County, De., is active throughout the local area, donating to many charities. The lodge also provides scholarships to young Italian American high school students and helps support many young men and women who travel from Italy every summer to work in Ocean City and the surrounding resort areas.





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## HARFORD COUNTY LODGE

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## MARYLAND ITALIAN FESTIVAL

*For the second year in a row, our Harford County Lodge #2464 participated in Maryland's largest Italian Festival held in Bel Air. We sold many Italian related merchandise items as it is one of our most successful fundraisers of the year. Lodge President, Mike Castino, thanks all of his volunteers for their time and hard work which made this another successful event!*



## TOWSON DULANEY LODGE

*proudly participated in the 2024*

## ITALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

*The Columbus Celebrations, Inc. committee hosted the Italian Heritage Festival on Saturday, October 19 at the new location in Towson - Towson Courthouse Square. Between 5,000 - 6,000 people came through the festival. Lots of great food, many vendors, entertainment, children's area and much more. A good time was had by all and blessed with a beautiful Fall day!*

*The Towson Dulaney Lodge participated with a booth selling Italian merchandise. Pictured is the booth, Tom Carlucci, longtime member of the Towson Dulaney Lodge, with Columbus Celebrations, Inc. Treasurer, Bill Martin.*





## I'M SURE YOU KNOW AND ARE PROUD OF THE MANY ITALIANS WHO HAVE PLAYED A HUGE ROLE IN THE WAY OF "INFLUENCE" ON THE WORLD...

This information came from a booklet compiled by Brothers Dan Longo and Judge Ed Angeletti many years ago called "Our Italian Heritage." It was compiled mostly because we, as Italian Americans, have heard very little about our history and what these "heroes" did and accomplished for the world.

**MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO** (Cicero) of Apirnum, Italy (106-43 B.C.), known as "the Supreme Index to His Age," in the first century B.C. was the father of the idea of "Natural Law." This idea marked the beginning of what was to be Rome's greatest gift to civilization, its legal system! Cicero defined the idea as follows:

*"There is in fact a true law; namely, right reason, which is in accordance with nature, applies to all men and is unchangeable and eternal. But its commands, this law summons men to the performance of their duties; by its prohibitions, it restrains them from doing wrong. This law arises from the very nature of mankind itself, meaning respect for life and property, good faith and fair dealing."*

In 529 A.C. under **EMPEROR JUSTINIAN**, a commission arranged in scientific form the "body of Civil Law" known as the "Justinian Code" that became the foundation of the legal system of most European countries? These principles also influenced the formation of the Common Law of England, which America adopted in 1776. It is now embedded in the fabric of our modern society.

The Justinian Code recognized the equality of all citizens before the law. A married woman in Rome enjoyed freedom and liberality under Roman Law. She could mingle freely in society and was a friend and confidante of her husband, as well as the housekeeper. She could own property in her own name and buy and sell objects of value.

Those rights came gradually to women of the western world and it was not until the late nineteenth and early twentieth century that recognition of those rights became generally accepted. The Romans recognized them more than 2,000 years ago! \*\*

\*\*As an aside: Many years ago, Italian lawyers here in Maryland formed a lodge called the "Justinian Lodge" for Italian attorneys only. Some of you reading this may remember the lodge and unfortunately no longer exists.

**NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI** (1496-1527) became known as the "Father of Modern Politics," the first political analyst. He is credited with originating a "new science" called Political Science. Popular theories on politics in the world today are very often patterned after his philosophies on the subject.

In the latter part of the 18th century, **LUIGI GALVANI** (1737-98) of Genoa and **ALESSANDRO VOLTA** (1745-1814) of Rome discovered the "first means of producing a steady current of electricity," which became known as Volts, thus fulfilling the words in Genesis, "Let there be light," and then there was light!"

On December 2, 1967, at the 25th Anniversary celebration of the first nuclear reactor, President Lyndon Johnson said, "More than any other person, this anniversary observance honors the great Italian physicist, **ENRICO FERMI**, for it was the scientists under his direction who accomplished the event we are celebrating today, the first controlled release of energy from the nucleus of the atom. Enrico Fermi's experiment opened up a new world of matter and energy...and placed in our hands the power of the universe itself."

### OUR GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND ENJOYING THE ITALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL!



FRAN & MIKE TRANSPARENTI, ANITA LOMBARDI RILEY, MIKE CASTINO, FRANCES CIPRIOTTI & LOU MARZULLO



# CONGRATULATIONS, AUTHOR ALBERT MARRA!

*Ciao Tutti!*

*I'm pleased to inform you that our family book, Southampton Summers, has been on display in an exhibit in the Yonkers public library (Central Avenue) to commemorate Italian History Month. This is a great achievement, which I share with all of my co-authors. Bravi tutti!*

*Southampton Summers has been in circulation in the Westchester County library system for several years. It's also available in libraries in the Hamptons, in the Baltimore and DC areas, and in the schools I attended from high school through college and graduate school.*

*Check out the photos of the exhibit below. The top pic shows a close up of the book's cover next to the poster about Italian Heritage Month. And it's right up there with other books by bestselling authors like Sophia Loren, Adriana Trigiani and Lisa Scottoline. Yes, we're in good company.*

*Let's celebrate this as a key part of our Italian heritage. And let's thank our parents, grandparents and great grandparents, the ones who made all this possible. Remember. They did the hard work.*

*Con affetto,  
Albert*







## OCEAN CITY OSDIA MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE HURRICANE DONATIONS

*Like many concerned organizations in our region, the Ocean City Chapter of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America collected clothing, food, and other necessities from its members to be sent south to help unfortunate residents caught up in the recent hurricanes. One collection center was Treasure Beach RV Park on Route 54, where SDIA members Dan and Mindy Nardone brought items donated at an SDIA membership meeting to be added to three tractor-trailers filled with donations for victims of Hurricane Helene from individuals and other local organizations.*

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# Italian Winter Soup



**This is an excellent spicy, rich soup. It's simple to make, yet a delicious winter soup idea. Add extra vegetables such as carrots and celery!**

## **INGREDIENTS:**

2 tablespoons olive oil  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons chopped onion  
4 (3.5 ounce) links  
Italian sausage, sliced  
8 cups chicken stock  
1 teaspoon dried oregano  
1 tablespoon dried basil  
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley  
2 cups uncooked white rice  
½ cup heavy cream

## **DIRECTIONS:**

Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add garlic and onion and cook, stirring, for 3 minutes, or until tender. Add sausage, browning well on all sides, about 5 minutes.

Add chicken stock, oregano, basil, and parsley. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and simmer for one hour.

Add the rice and simmer 30 minutes. Add cream, stirring well. Remove from heat. Let soup rest briefly before serving.

**PREP TIME:**  
15 mins

**COOK TIME:**  
1 hr 45 mins

**TOTAL TIME:**  
2 hrs

**SERVINGS:**  
12



# ANNAPOLIS LODGE 2024

# FESTA ITALIANA

## ANOTHER SUCCESS!

On Sunday, September 15, Lodge #2225 in Annapolis, Maryland, held its annual Festa Italiana, bringing the local community together to celebrate Italian American culture while raising funds for various charities. The event featured a wide array of Italian food and beverages, with local vendors offering assorted Italian goods. Live music entertained attendees throughout the day, and lodge members sold traditional Italian desserts like cannoli, pizzelle, and sfogliatelle inside the lodge.

Festa Italiana is one of three major fundraisers held by Lodge 2225, along with Festa di Primavera Italiana in April and the Italian Christmas Market in December. Through these events, the lodge is able to donate approximately \$25,000 annually to national charities including the Alzheimer's Association, Cooley's Anemia Foundation, the American Lung Association and local organizations including the Lighthouse Shelter and the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. Several smaller events support Help Our Military Heroes and Wreaths Across America. Additional events at the lodge include our October Bake Sale to support van conversions for disabled veterans and our Italian Christmas Market on December 8th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, both held at the Annapolis OSDIA Lodge, 620 Ridgely Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.





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