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**Tuesday January 12, 2021**

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
2021



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## **Message From The President JOAN D'AMATO**



### **Order Sons and Daughters of Italy**

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Our wishes for you and your family for a New Year filled with happiness and good health. Since the zoom membership meetings are not well received, we have plans for outside activities. The first will be a very informal meeting at Sunset Cove Park on January 12, 2021. We are not renting the pavilion at this time. So bring lawn chairs and a sandwich or something to eat. This will be our first main get together since March 2020. A face mask will be required to enter the park and we will socially distance.

In the near future we will be going to dinner under the stars at Palermo's bakery. Those of you who attended in the past know we had a great time with tasty food. Please read your newsletter. It is our way of communicating with you.

The dues for 2021 are reduced to \$35 per person. Please send in when you get this notice, so you won't be dropped from our e mail list.

As usual, your Board of Directors, are working hard to keep our Italian Heritage and Culture alive.



### **Order Sons and Daughters of Italy**

Cari fratelli e sorelle.

I nostri auguri per voi e le vostre famiglie per un nuovo anno pieno di felicità e buona salute. Poiché le riunioni dei soci via zoom non sono ben accolte, abbiamo piani per attività esterne. Il primo sarà un incontro molto informale al Sunset Cove Park il 12 gennaio 2021. Al momento non stiamo affittando il padiglione. Quindi portate sedie da prato e un panino o qualcosa da mangiare. Questo sarà il nostro primo incontro dal marzo 2020. Per entrare nel parco sarà necessaria una maschera facciale e dovremmo tenerci socialmente distanti.

Nel prossimo futuro andremo a cena sotto le stelle al Palermo's Bakery. Quelli di voi che hanno partecipato in passato sanno che ci siamo trovati benissimo con buon cibo. Vi preghiamo di leggere la newsletter. È il nostro modo di comunicare con voi.

Le quote per il 2021 sono ridotte a \$35 a persona. Vi preghiamo di inviare la vostra quota quando leggerete questa lettera, in modo da non essere cancellato dalla nostra e-mail list.

Come di consueto, il vostro Consiglio di Amministrazione, sta lavorando sodo per mantenere vivo il nostro patrimonio e la nostra cultura italiana.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# 2021

If you wish to announce a special event, please send your Information to me no later than the 23rd of each month.

## JANUARY

12 Picnic Meeting Aaronson Park

## FEBRUARY

9 Meeting

TBD Upper Keys Bocce Tournsment Key Largo

## MARCH

9 Meeting

19 St Joseph's Dinner Cucina Caruso,  
Fort Lauderdale

## APRIL

13 Meeting

## MAY

11 Meeting

## JUNE

TBD Monday Lunch

## JULY

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## AUGUST

TBD Monday Lunch

## SEPTEMBER

14 Meeting

## OCTOBER

12 Meeting

## NOVEMBER

9 Meeting

## DECEMBER

TBD Christmas



# BIRTHDAYS

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January

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## **Please Pledge Your Support**

Your lodge, The Sgt. Frederick M. Bonanno Lodge #2549, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit fraternal organization of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, which began 115 years ago.

We have been supporting our Italian Culture, our Community, Veterans programs and our Italian Heritage. Our lodge came into existence over 36 years ago. And since then, has grown and thrived thanks to our treasured membership.

Every quarter we donate to our charities: Alzheimer's, Autism, Cancer and Cooley's Anemia. We continue with our scholarship programs. We carry on with our plan of action to Save Columbus Day and expanding The Italian Language in our High Schools. All of these important tasks require reinforcement from the Italian Consulate, FAU, and other important institutions.

As with so many other fraternal organizations, we have suffered a major financial set back due to the Covid 19 virus. It has literally, shut down all our fundraising operations, and we don't really know when things will go back to "normal". However, we are determined to continue all our involvement with our charities and other programs without interruption.

I am, personally, asking for your support in the way of a tax-deductible donation. I know you probably get many solicitation letters, as I do, but we cannot let our movement to carry on our support cease because of this pandemic. A contribution, in any amount, will be appreciated and a great help.

Please make checks out to Sgt Bonanno Lodge #2549 and mail to the post Office Box below.

Thank you for your generosity and please send this letter to your family and friends. We greatly appreciate your assistance and call if you have any questions.

Fraternally Yours,

Joan D'Amato  
President

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## Famous Italian Quotes



*"The whole world knows that His glory has not been spread by force and weapons, but by poor fishermen"*

Girolamo Savonarola



*"I live in my house as I live inside my skin: I know more beautiful, more ample, more sturdy and more picturesque skins: but it would seem to me unnatural to exchange them for mine."*

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### CALENDAR PROGRAM

On January 1, 2021, the annual Grand Lodge of Florida 2021 Calendar program will begin and runs until the end of 2021. The calendar program is based on the Florida lottery's Pick Three game. When you buy a calendar, you pick three numbers. If your number comes out, you win \$50. But the best part, there's a whole list of 27 other days (below) when you can win much more. For example, if your number comes out on Christmas, you win \$1000. On Columbus Day, too.

**For questions please  
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Jan 1 -	New Year's Day - \$500
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Feb 15 -	Presidents' Day - \$100
Mar 17 -	St. Patrick's Day - \$100
Mar 19 -	St. Joseph's Day - \$100
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Nov 11 -	Veterans' Day - \$100
Nov 25 -	Thanksgiving - \$500
Dec 7 -	Pearl Harbor Day - \$100

### LODGE COOKBOOK

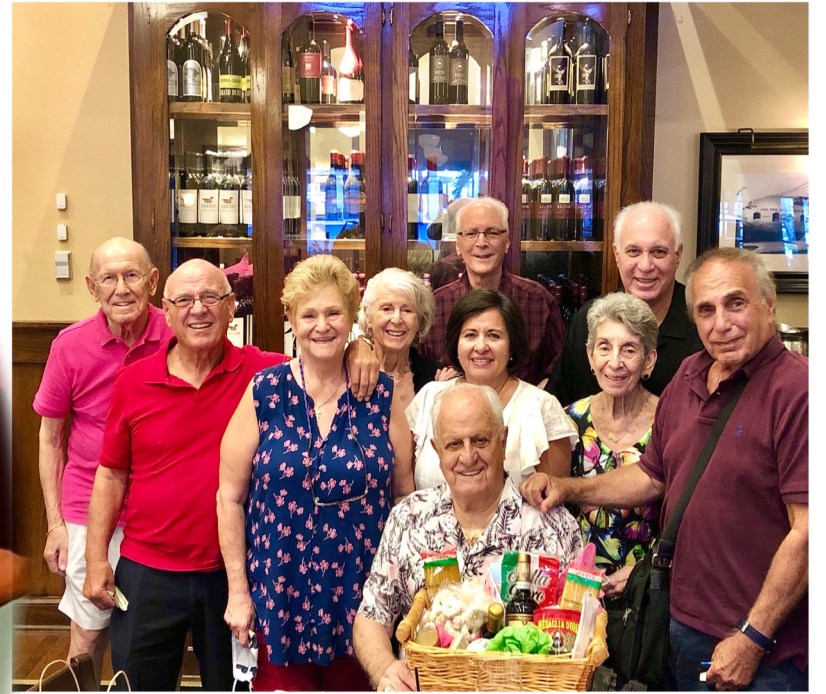
Since 1991, when the Sons and Daughters of Italy members produced a cookbook with recipies submitted by the membership, over 100,000 copies of the book "From the Same Vine" were sold. Proceeds from the book sales have been placed in the State Florida Foundation and have produced numerous State scholarships over the past years as well as providing funds for our Charities, Autism, .Alzheimers, Cooleys Anemia and Cancer Funds.

As we enter the Christmas season our cook book makes a great gift for a family member ,friend, neighbor or yourself.

For further information of the purchase of our cook book please call book Chairman Ed Mottola at 561-479-2096.



# SPOTLIGHT



Tryin'g to get back to normal. Mottola's 90th, members outdoor picnic, Christmas Dinner







## THE STUPIDEST THINGS EVER SAID

1. On years, non-repetitive: "It has been one of the warmest 1994s this century". (R. Allison, capital radio)
2. On pregnancy: "There's nothing wrong with pregnancy. Half the people wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for women being pregnant" (Sarah Kennedy, British Radio 2)
3. On differentness: "This evening is a very different evening from the morning we had this morning". (David Coleman, British sportscaster)
4. On sports fans, demonstrative: "There's two lovers in the stands. He kisses her on the strikes and she kisses him on the balls" (Minnesota twins sportscaster, during a lull in the game when the camera was taking shots of people in the stands)
5. On snow, sexy: "And Helena got six inches during the night....Helena, Montana, that is!" (weatherman during a report describing a snowfall in the Northwest)
6. On dates: "Tuesday Night at the Movies will be seen on Saturday this week instead of Monday" (television announcer)

7. Beating the biological clock, ultimate record in: "Woman Born Feb. 29 Has Baby Same Day" (headline from the St. Louis Globe Democrat)
8. Help-wanted ads, equal opportunity in: "Singer for new rock band. Must be male or female" (help-wanted ad in the Camdenton, MO Reveille/Lake Sun)
9. On being single, one advantage not many think of: "Divorces are Fewer among Single People, Chicago Figures Show" (headline in the Chicago Tribune)
10. Facts about teens, indisputable: "A girl who is seventeen is much more of a woman than a boy who is seventeen" (from the New York Journal American)
11. On republicans, secret lives of: "I want to make a picture about the Russian secret police, the GOP" (movie mogul Samuel Goldwyn)
12. Interviewing questions, great:
  - Interviewer: "You called your autobiography 'The Ragman's Son'. Who was the ragman?"
  - Kirk Douglas: "My father."
13. Game shows, stupid moments in:
  - Contestant: "I like traveling abroad."
  - Jim Bowen: (game-show host): To foreign countries?"
14. On slums: Samuel Goldwyn (movie mogul, on a movie set of a slum): "Why is everything so dirty here?"
  - Director: Because it's supposed to be a slum area."
  - Goldwyn: "Well, this slum costs a lot of money. It should look better than ordinary slum."





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**Boy aged 4: Dad, I've decided to get married.**  
**Dad: Wonderful; do you have a girl in mind?!**

**Boy: Yes... grandma! She said she loves me, I love her, too....and she's the best cook & story teller in the whole world!!**

**Dad: That's nice, but we have a small problem there!!**

**Boy: What problem?!**

**Dad: She happens to be my mother. How can you marry my mother!!**

**Boy: Why not?! You married mine!!!!** 😂😂







# FROM ITALIA

## By Raffaele Gueli

### DIFFERENCES USA/ITALY

**R**iccardo Saporiti, contributor to [www.wired.it](http://www.wired.it), points out the many differences between USA and Italy. Just, what Italians have in common with Americans? Little or nothing. Or at least this is what *italiani.coop* claims in a recent published data. Italians and Americans in comparison sums up to one thing: well-being vs happiness.

“We have compared some data on demographics, society, consumption and the habits of the two nations, to try to understand whether there are more differences or similarities between the two sides of the ocean. Analyzing the various indicators, there are two substantial differences that have emerged: Italians live longer and better than Americans but have less confidence in the future. Americans, on the other hand, are younger than us and they are even happier.

Happiness on which the composition of the population certainly has its affect. Americans are much younger than Italians, and young people have a different perception of their own well-being. But distrust also certainly affects the unemployment rate, which in Italy is much higher than in the United States: 13% and 11% for women and men respectively, compared to 5% for both sexes in the USA.

Confidence in the future, mixed with the rather low average age of the U.S. population, means that Americans are fighting for all consumption in



leisure. They read more than us, go to concerts more than we do and listen to the radio more than we do, just in watching TV we try to match them. Of course, they're richer than us. The average American family has an average annual revenue of roughly 40K while the average Italian family makes barely 25K. At the same time, however, they have a more widespread poverty that reaches 17% of the population (13% in Italy). They also save less than Italians. Some of the income is also gobbled by the absence of certain services such as state health care and widespread public education, for which they spend 18% more health and 1.3% for education.

In Italy you live longer, in the USA you live happier. We give up forbidden consumption more often than they do. The Americans beat us in the consumption of alcohol (1.5 gallons a piece for Italians, 2.4 gallons for Americans). We only allow ourselves an excess dependence compared to the USA: smoking. In Italy, almost one to five Italians regularly use tobacco or cigarettes, while in America the figure stands at just one to ten, thanks in part to campaigns against tobacco consumption.

But, on college campuses, the use of cannabis is higher. After all, there are some EU states where the use of marijuana is legal. On the contrary, between New York and Los Angeles you eat more. Or maybe it would be better to say that you eat worse, in the sense that a third of the population is obese. While, thanks to the Mediterranean diet, this side of the Atlantic goes just over 10%.



We also love each other more than they do, if you calculate that in Italy 0.7% resort to cosmetic surgery, while in America it's 1.3%. Of course, it is not only a



matter of quantity, but also of quality. And, from this point of view, it seems that overseas things are going better. On any given day, the percentage of Americans who are satisfied with their quality of life is higher than in Italy. But in a country where the Constitution allows citizens to go around armed and the murder rate is six times higher than in Italy, people feel safer.

On average we work less because in Italy only 4% of the people say they have a very long working day (more than 50 hours a week), while in North America it's almost 12% who feel over-worked. We also love to spend on home, food, clothing and furniture. We spend, act and think often thinking about the long term (I keep fit to age better, I do not drug myself because it hurts, I take care of myself buying good food).

Yet the figure is at odds with the overall judgment we give of our lives. Americans seem to have more free time than Italians, three times as much time is spent on the Internet. On a more strictly financial level, things seem to be going better in the Mediterranean. Already, in years of crisis and economizing, the poverty rate in Italy is lower than in the USA. And families can save more. Contradictions aside, it remains difficult to determine who between Americans and Italians is better off".

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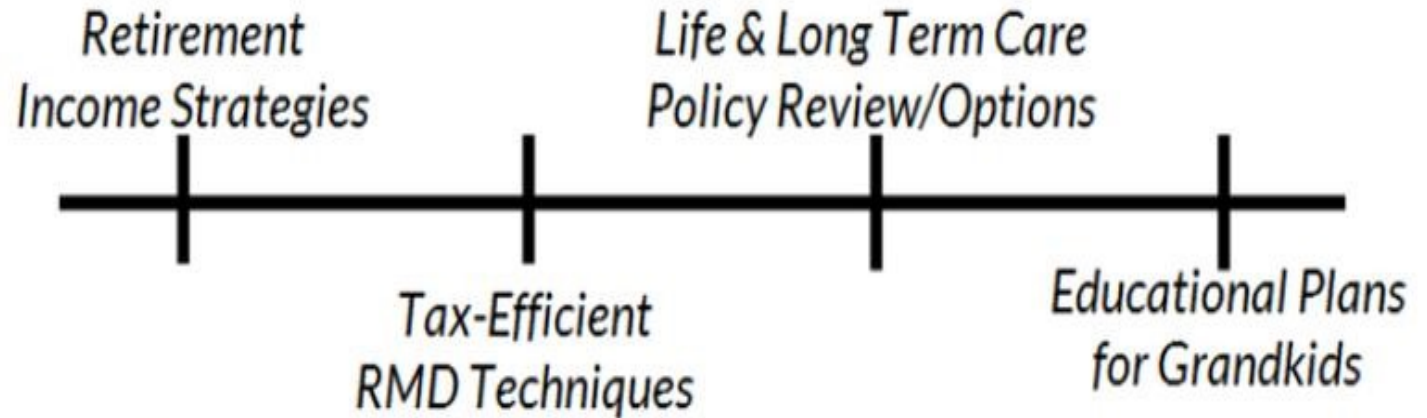
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## 2021 ANNUAL DUES.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, first, thank you for your loyalty and patients during the current pandemic. Your President has petitioned the Grand Lodge of Florida and received relief for you concerning annual dues, considering the lack of meetings and functions. The annual dues for the entire year beginning January 1, 2021 has been reduced to \$35.00 per person. We appreciate these dues be paid as soon as possible, as all other income has been reduced or gone, so it is important to meet this date. Since we do not know when we will be able to meet, you can send your dues directly to me at the address below. At this time all other matters concerning dues will remain in effect. You will be advised of any changes as the situation with the pandemic evolves.

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OUR LODGE'S DON AND ANGIE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS SELECTION CAME TO A CLOSE ON APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>. RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARD WERE KATIE MILLER, UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, GRANDDAUGHTER OF MARJORIE MILLER AND KELLY AGLIO, THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCKNELL, GRANDDAUGHTER OF GENEVIEVE AGLIO.

OUR LODGE MEMBERS REACH OUT TO THANK THE DON & ANGIE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDERS FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF SUPPORT.

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