



Edicola

December 2023



Peninsula Italian-American Lodge #2145

Pial 2145 is a fraternal organization of people of Italian birth or heritage and is part of the nationwide Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA)



Note from the President

Barry and I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends! A huge thank you goes out to Mary Dolores Ciraulo for organizing our lodge Thanksgiving potluck and thank you to Terry DeLucia for her assistance. There are so many of you that helped make this a fun gathering, from setup to cleanup. You know who you are! We were able to install Nicola Parish into the club membership that day. Welcome Nic!

I hope you all can attend the Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17 at 3pm at Anna's Pizza & Italian Restaurant in Poquoson. Two emails have gone out so far concerning how to sign up and pay. I had completely forgotten to include the children's information on the first email but the second gives details. That email will go out again soon. We will be raffling a couple of really nice prizes and have a visit from Santa Claus!!

January's meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21 at 3pm at the Knights of Columbus. My husband, Barry, and I will be the cooks with our traditional pot of lasagna soup and Italian sub sandwiches!

From Barry and I:
"Buon Natale e un Felice Anno Nuovo!"

Briana Taravella Robison



December Birthdays

Maryann Amato (14)
Faye Boninu (17)
Betty Dexter (23)
Enrico Castellano (26)

Anniversaries: December

Anne & Joe Caruso (15)
Bev & Bob Amante (26)

Need Membership Information?

Barbara Martone
Jamilik

Check us out on our facebook page.

Want to read the state newsletter the Il Giornale? Both links are listed below.

PIAL 2145 Facebook link

<https://www.facebook.com/osia.pial2145>

Other WEB LINKS

PIAL 2145: www.Peninsulaitalians.org

Grand Lodge of Virginia: www.vaosia.org OSIA: www.osia.org

A Very Special Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone who made our Celebration of Thanksgiving a success. It would be too long a list to separately list each of you and your contribution in this note of Thanks. You know who you are and everyone who enjoyed your contribution knows who you are.

Everything was GREAT, from the provable "soup to nuts". Although we didn't have soup to nuts. We had baked ham to a wonderful variety of sides to include the traditional pies and festive place settings. This also includes those who were not able to cook but contributed monetarily to help with the costs to PIAL.

THANK YOU ALL- for making my job as "co-ordinator" so rewarding. It was a treat to be able to work with all of you and an opportunity to get to know some of you a little better. Have a wonderful Holiday Season and be safe.

Sincerely
Mary Dolores Ciraulo
Thanksgiving Celebration Co-ordinator

A note from two of our members who we miss!

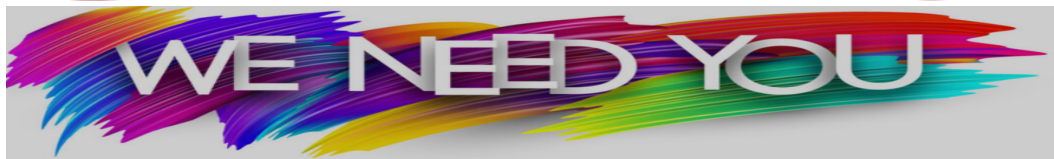
Greetings to our sisters and brothers of PIAL.

We miss you all and fondly remember so many events we enjoyed with the group. We moved to Tucson, AZ 2 years ago to be near family and are happily settled in an independent living community. We enjoy the Edicola and email notices that keep us in touch. God bless you all!

Joe and Anne Caruso



**Looking great Joe & Anne!
Merry Christmas from your
PIAL family!!!**



2024 Election of Officers

It's time to be thinking about the election of officers for the 2024 calendar year. The proposed slate needs to be published in the January Edicola, voted on at our February meeting and installed in March.

Please give some serious thought to becoming an officer of our lodge.

We have several. Positions that need to be filled. The most important of them is the RECORDING SECRETARY. The duties of the recording secretary are to attend meetings, both general & board, and record the important information that is talked about at those meetings. He/she would then make a written report on the meetings happenings that become part of our permanent records.

If you haven't already received a call from Briana asking you to consider being part of the board, please do some soul searching and give her a call at 757-469-8550 or email her at brianat406@gmail.com

Just a reminder, parking at the Knights, for the foreseeable future, will not be a problem as they have SUSPENDED the Sunday afternoon BINGO!

2023 Board Members

2023 PIAL#2145 Council

President:	Briana Taravella Robison	469-8550
Vice President:	Mary Dolores Ciraulo	927-4585
Past President	Beverly Amante	291-3515
Recording Secretary	Michelle Romanello	897-5824
Financial Secretary	Terry DeLucia	930-0935
Treasurer	Jim DeLucia	930-0935
Orator	Barry Robison	202-8911
Guard	Stasi Wipperman	637-7316
Master of Ceremony	Robert Amato	365-0504
Trustee	Betty Dexter	846-7045
Trustee	Lee Jamilik	659-0294
Trustee	Marie Wynne	877-3295
Trustee	Barbara Martone Jamilik	810-9134
Trustee	Vacant	

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FROM OUR LODGE

1st Vice President: Terry DeLucia
 2nd Vice President: Marie Siebeking
 Recording Secretary: Amanda Hertzog
 Treasurer: Bob Mason
 Financial Secretary: Beverly Amante
 Orator: Paul Siebeking
 Trustee: Jim DeLucia
 Trustee: Bob Amante
 Arbitration Alternate: Angela Tambone

Recipe Corner

Recipe taken from closet cooking one of my favor sites to find recipes

Italian Style Chicken Noodle Soup

Prep Time: 15 minutes **Cook Time:** 25 minutes **Total Time:** 40 minutes **Servings:** 6
An Italian themed chicken noodle soup with tomatoes, Italian herbs, and parmesan.

Ingredients

1 tablespoon oil
1 cup onions, diced
1 cup carrots, diced
1 cup celery, diced
1 cup red bell pepper, diced
4 cloves garlic, chopped
2 teaspoons oregano
1/2 teaspoon thyme
6 cups chicken broth
1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes (optional)
1 pound boneless and skinless chicken breasts or thighs
8 ounces of pasta (such as ditalini or shells)
1/4 cup Parmigiano Reggiano (parmesan cheese), grated
salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon lemon juice (optional)
2 tablespoons parsley, chopped (optional)



directions

1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat, add the onion, carrot, celery, and bell pepper and cook until tender, about 8-10 minutes.
2. Add the garlic, oregano, thyme and cook until fragrant, about a minute.
3. Add the broth tomatoes, chicken, and pasta, bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer until the pasta is cooked, about 10 minutes.
4. Remove the chicken and slice or pull into bite sized pieces before returning to the soup.
5. Turn the heat off, add the cheese and let it melt into the broth before seasoning with salt and pepper to taste.
6. Mix in the lemon juice and parsley and enjoy

Up Coming Events

Mark your calendar!

Grand Lodge of Virginia Quarterly Meeting

**December 7, 2023
7:30 pm – Zoom Meeting**

PIAL Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 17, 2023 – 3:00 pm
Anna's Pizza & Italian Restaurant
464 Wythe Creek Rd, Poquoson, Va.
See the flyer at the end of this newsletter**

PIAL December Board Meeting

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Date, Time and Place to be announced.**

PIAL General Meeting

**Sunday, January 21, 2024 – 3:00 pm
Knights of Columbus
Nettles Drive, NN**

PIAL January Board Meeting

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Date, Time and Place to be announced**

A special Event and a special person 33+ years of service

In the State of Virginia, there are 15 National Cemeteries. One of those cemeteries is in Hampton Virginia. If you were to wander around the Phoebus section of this cemetery you would come across the graves of 55 German sailors and 5 Italians: one Army Corporal, three Army Privates and a Navy Captain. The Italians were all WWII POW's.

Italian Liaison Officers for US Army TRADOC have honored the fallen soldiers during a Memorial Day Service held during the 2nd week of November for over 33 years. This year's ceremony was held on November 9th and was led by Italian Liaison Officer Col Michele Strippoli and German Liaison Officer Col Stephan Lissina.

Members of the Peninsula Italian American Lodge #2145 have participated in this ceremony for at least the past 33 years. Part of the ceremony is the reading of the Soldiers Prayer in both Italian and English. It has been our honor to do both readings as we celebrate these men who never made it back to their homeland.

Although the reader of the prayer in English has varied over the year, one of our members, Rinaldo Brolli, has been the only person who has read the prayer in Italian for the past 33 years.

It is a great honor to have Rinaldo as a member of our lodge and to know that, at age 98 he is still able to participate in this solemn ceremony.

Please see below for pictures of this event

Picture Corner

Rinaldo reading the Soldier's Prayer in Italian



Above: Italian & German Liaison Officers getting ready to place the wreaths.

Top right: Jim DeLucia reading the prayer in English.

Bottom right: Rinaldo posing with officers from different countries. The officer to his left as you look at the photo is Italian Liaison Officer Col Michele Strippoli.

Thanksgiving Dinner and Induction of new member!

Briana Inducts our newest member Nicola Parrish



Scenes from our Thanksgiving dinner.

Photo above: Jim introduces the Italian Liaison Officer Col Michele Strippoli.





PIAL Christmas Party

Anna's Pizza & Italian Restaurant

464-D Wythe Creek Road, Poquoson, 23662

(757) 868-8006

Sunday, December 17, 2023

3:00pm

\$28/adult; \$14/child 12 & under

We will be holding a Christmas raffle. Fill out the form below for your entrée choice. All entrée's are served with:

Salad

Bread & Butter

Dessert

Soda/tea/coffee

Cash Bar will be available

Please return this form with your check made payable to PIAL #2145 and mail to the address below.

DEADLINE IS December 12

Briana Robison

639 Decatur St, Newport News, 23605-2811

Attendee Name: _____

- _____ Lasagna
- _____ Chicken Alfredo
- _____ Spaghetti w/Meatball & Sausage
- _____ Eggplant Parmesan

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Santa Claus will be paying us a visit!!



Please contact Terry DeLucia if you will be bringing children – Santa needs to know this information and Terry has a direct link to him!