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THURSDAY
November 12, 2026

WHERE: **Dr. Andre Fladell Civic Center**
16700 Jog Road
Delray Beach, FL 33483

TIME: **6:30pm – 8:30pm**
Arrive by 6:15pm for check-in

Meeting Fee: **Members and Guests - $20pp**

MUST pay by Tuesday, Nov. 3rd for head count

PAYMENT: **Zelle is preferred…** please Zelle to **sgtbonannobr@hotmail.com** to confirm your reservation. **PayPal** can also be used

Or send a check and give it time to arrive by Nov 3rd. Make check payable to Sgt Bonanno Lodge, and mail to:

Vincent Como, Treasurer
9671 Crescent Drive N.
Boynton Beach, FL 33437

No payment will be accepted at check in

Salute to Veterans



We will be serving
Joan's Olive Salad
Semolina Bread
Pasta Ala Vodka
Sausage, peppers, and onions
Chicken Marsala
Please bring a dessert (homemade or store bought)

Drinks: Sodas, Iced tea, Water, Coffee and Tea

Family and Friends are Welcome

The Olympic Heights Community High School Marine Corps JROTC will present the Color Guard for the National Anthem. Member veterans will be recognized followed by a brief presentation on Italian veterans

Cutoff date of Nov 3rd will be strictly enforced



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Robert M. Ianniello

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we begin to enter our "winter season" I am reminded of the many reasons we relocated from New Jersey to Boca Raton. In addition to the obvious reasons (weather, activities, food), one reason that I did not anticipate was the many new and wonderful friends I can call "family" thanks to the Bonanno Lodge. I am so fortunate to have my lodge brothers and sisters in my life. It is a daily encouragement to make the OSDIA experience as enjoyable for you as it has been for me. Our October 8 meeting and presentation celebrating Italian Heritage included a short video poem recitation by Angelo Bianchi, Esq that was very well received by the membership. Antipasto (literally "before the meal") was the meal of the evening and it was fabulous. Twelve new members were installed and our attendance was again at a record breaking level. The theme of the November 12 meeting promises to be very inspiring as we will have a salute to veterans that will include the Olympic Heights Community High School Marine Corp JROTC presenting the Color Guard for the National Anthem. Our bocce group continues to meet every Thursday morning at 9AM at the Dr. Andre Fladell Civic Center. All are encouraged to participate. I am very proud of the hard work being done by our Board of Trustees in developing new programs and events based on your feedback and suggestions. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bob Ianniello

President

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE TRANSLATION

Cari fratelli e sorelle,

Mentre iniziamo la nostra "stagione invernale" mi vengono in mente i tanti motivi per cui ci siamo trasferiti dal New Jersey a Boca Raton. Oltre alle ovvie ragioni (meteo, attività, cibo), uno dei motivi che non avevo previsto sono stati i tanti nuovi e meravigliosi amici che posso chiamare "famiglia" grazie alla Bonanno Lodge. Sono così fortunato ad avere nella mia vita i miei fratelli e sorelle della loggia. È un incoraggiamento quotidiano rendere l'esperienza OSDIA piacevole per voi quanto lo è per me.

Il nostro incontro e presentazione dell'8 ottobre in celebrazione del Patrimonio Italiano includeva una breve recitazione di una breve poesia video di Angelo Bianchi, Esq, molto ben accolta dai soci. Antipasto (letteralmente "prima del pasto") è stato il pasto della serata ed è stato favoloso. Sono stati iscritti dodici nuovi soci e la nostra partecipazione è stata nuovamente a un livello record. Il tema dell'incontro del 12 novembre promette di essere molto ispiratore, poiché avremo un omaggio ai veterani, tra cui il JROTC della Olympic Heights Community High School Marine Corps che faranno da porta bandiera per l'inno nazionale.

Il nostro gruppo di bocce continua a riunirsi ogni giovedì mattina alle 9 al Dr. Andre Fladell Civic Center. Tutti sono incoraggiati a partecipare.

Sono molto orgoglioso del duro lavoro svolto dal nostro Consiglio d'Amministrazione nello sviluppo di nuovi programmi ed eventi basati sui vostri feedback e suggerimenti. Il vostro supporto è molto apprezzato.

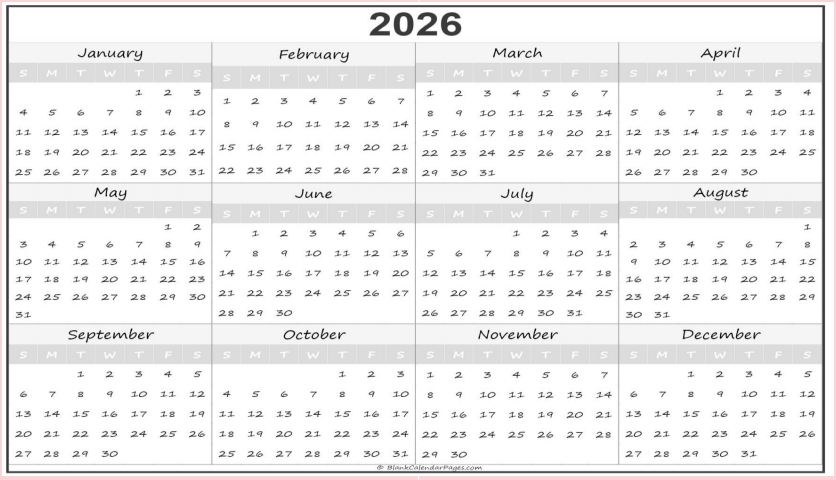
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Bob Ianniello
Presidente

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



UP NEXT

November 12	**Salute to Veterans**
December 10	**Christmas Party**
January 14	**Nonne Night/FAU**
February 11	**St. Valentine's**

Details will be updated monthly

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COMING UP

Salute to Veterans

November 12





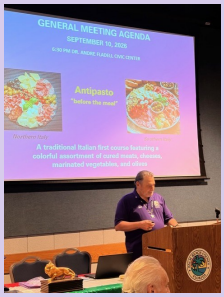
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EVENT FUN & FOTOS

Italian Heritage and Antipasto meeting
October 8

































EVENT FUN & FOTOS

Birthday Celebrations
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Duffy's









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Tommy Cono
Boca Black Box
October 6



Tommy Cono with the Bonanno Lodge members



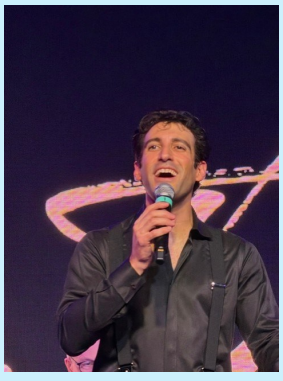
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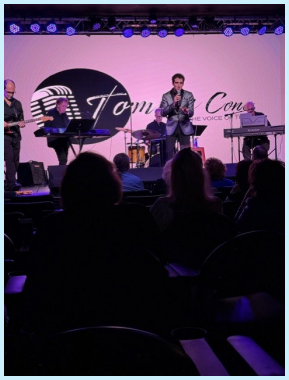
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PRESERVING OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

A Favorite Recipe from the Cookbook
"Preserving Our Italian Heritage", 1991, Wimmer Cookbooks

Trippa

(Rose Van Saake, Sgt. F. M. Bonanno Lodge # 2549)

2 lbs. honeycomb tripe

2 cups onion, chopped

1/4 cup white wine

2 cups celery, chopped

1 tsp. salt

4 tbsp. olive oil

Sauce

2 cups chicken broth

3 cloves garlic, chopped

2 tbsp. parsley, chopped

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Black pepper to taste

3 tbsp. tomato paste

1 tsp. basil

1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

4 tbsp. Parmesan cheese

Wash tripe and simmer in 4 qts. of water with 1/4 tsp. salt, 1 cup celery, and one cup onions for 2 hours. Drain and cool, then cut into 1/2 inch strips.

In large fry pan with cover, pour in oil, add remaining celery and onions, and saute for 5 minutes. Add tripe to celery and onions. Stir fry for 5 minutes. Add wine and cook an additional 5 minutes. Add sauce ingredients until tender for 1 1/2 hours. Serve over rice. Before serving, sprinkle mixture with Parmesan cheese.

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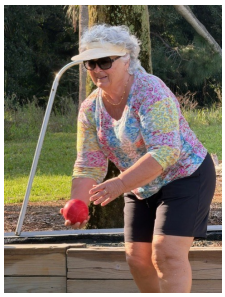
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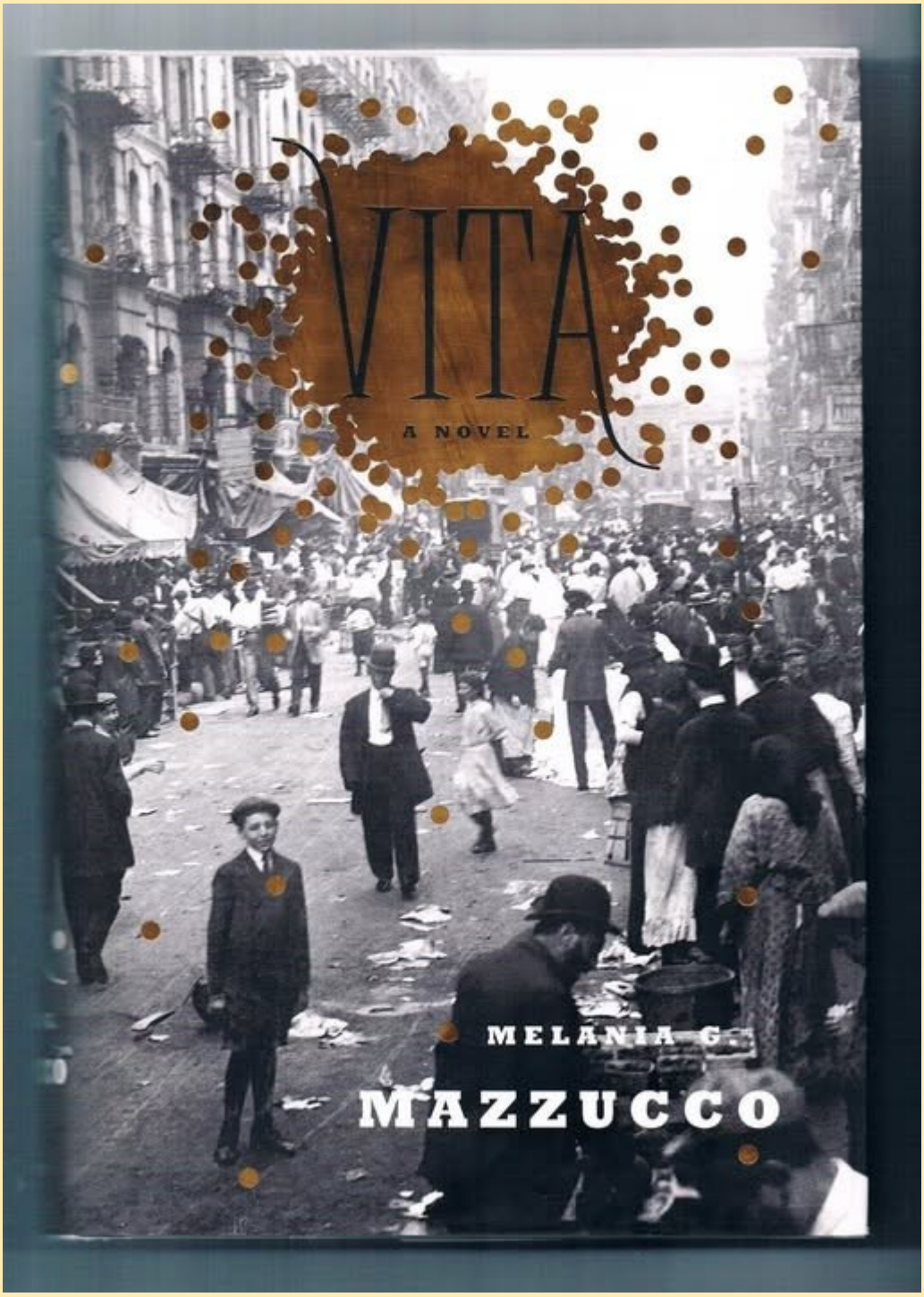
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August 26, 2026

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Re: The Dollar Challenge

Dear President and Lodge members:

A very big THANK YOU to your lodge for its participation in The Dollar Challenge, and the winner is . . . . . **YOUR** lodge! Not only did your lodge meet the 100% lodge membership "investment" in the GMM, it exceeded that challenge. For this, we extend an extra thank you.

By virtue of the Museum's ownership by the Sons of Italy Foundation, we, as members do, in fact, each own a piece of this jewel of our heritage. Your lodge exhibited this ownership by your investment in it, and the funds received through The Dollar Challenge will greatly assist the Museum. It is our hope that you will continue to support the Museum as one of OSDIA's charities at your State Convention.

In recognition of your lodge's investment, a plaque with the names of all the winners will be placed in the entrance of the Museum. Additionally, as you are undoubtedly now aware, your lodge's name appeared in the Bulletin Board section of the Summer edition of the Italian American Magazine.

Again, a very sincere thank you for your participation in making The Dollar Challenge a successful event.

Grazie mille,

Joseph Sciame /s/
Joseph Sciame
CEO/Chair

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Marianne Prince
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ITALIAN QUOTES & SAYINGS

“Tu hai potere sulla tua mente, non sugli eventi esterni.”

You have power over your mind, not external events

Marcus Aurelius

“La calma è la virtù dei forti. ”

Calmness is the virtue of the strong

Italian Proverb

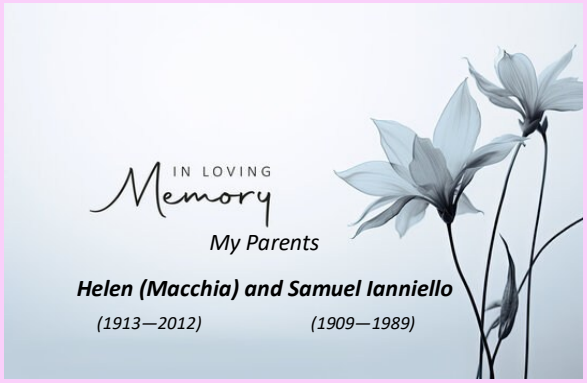
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Novembre



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By Gene Costanzo, Scholarship Chair

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Membership Payment Schedule

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Lodge Information

Lodge Meetings are held at 6:30pm, the **second Thursday of every month**. We meet at the Dr. Andre Fladell Civic Center at 16700 Jog Road, north of Clint Moore Rd in Delray Beach.

In May we hold our last business meeting, then break for the Summer and hold social gatherings/luncheons June, July, and August.

SCHOLARSHIPS

For any member who has a *child or grandchild* planning on attending College and would like to apply, Sgt. Bonanno Lodge has scholarships up to $1000 available, which will be sent directly to the College where they've been accepted. Please talk to us for more information. Caveat: Members must be in good standing. Contact Gene

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Lodge Meeting Rules

Our meetings at our new venue have been running smoothly. Our meeting rules are as follows: remember to please be on time and get checked-in before entering the meeting at our welcome table, so we can record your attendance.

Please be courteous and respond to our events in a courteous and timely manner. Take note that many events have **deadlines**, especially when making arrangements for food. We plan events with an accurate number of members who will attend.

If there are fees for an event, we prefer you pay thru ZELLE or PAYPAL online, but if not, to send a check **by the deadline** to the Bonanno Lodge.

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