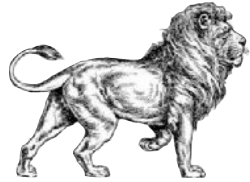
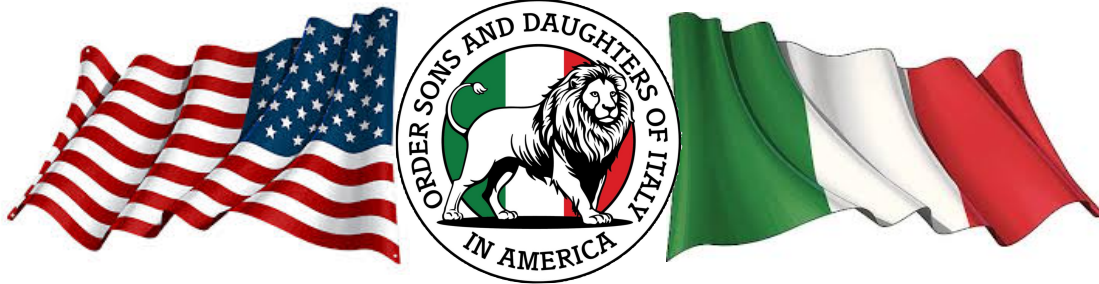


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America Lodge's mission is to celebrate our Italian culture and heritage by honoring our ancestors' visions of promoting, educating, supporting our members, and giving back to our communities. Joining together we create excitement, strengthen our bonds and advance the image of Italians everywhere.

President's Message



It's finally spring!!! The tulips and the crocus are coming out and more importantly my fig trees are starting to bud. Spring is a season when we all start to spend more time outside and we can return to our wonderful outdoor activities. Soon we will also be able to get back into our Thursday night bocce games. I am looking forward to meeting up with everyone on Thursdays at 5:00PM for some bocce fun. Stay tuned for more information.

At our March meeting, we installed three new trustees Jean Fichtl, Phyllis Ann O'Connell, and Debra Goldmann. Congratulations again and I look forward to them joining our Council and contributing to our great team. We were also able to continue our growth by installing three new members. Please see the article in the Membership Corner and extend an extra warm welcome to our newest brother and sisters. In addition, we had several people attend our March meeting and hopefully we will soon install them as new members. And in celebration of St. Josephs Day, we topped off the evening with some delicious St. Joseph pastries and coffee. A special thank you to our crew for ensuring the coffee was hot and the pastries were ready. I know it can be a monumental task.

At our next meeting we will be drawing our Lotto Board winner. Each chance helps support our scholarship program. Tickets will be available up to our meeting time so please see Mary Rose for tickets. And once again our spring opera sold out! A special thanks to Jo Falabella for the fantastic job she does. Bravo!!

America Lodge are you ready for a look at your new website? I am really looking forward to Donna Johnson's presentation about our new website at the April meeting. Right after the presentation it will go live. As appropriate for the season, I've been told the website has some hidden "Easter eggs." For those of you who are unfamiliar, an Easter egg is a hidden "extra" feature which is embedded within the website. Most people stumble upon them. But because it's the Easter season, we can now all go on a virtual Easter egg hunt on our very own website! Our eggs can only be found by rolling your mouse over the website pages. When the cursor appears, you will be able to click on it which will bring you to a special page. Happy Easter egg hunting!

Lastly, I want to thank those ten (10) Lions Roar sponsors who have also agreed to support our website. It is because of the generosity of all of our sponsors that we have a multi-award-winning newsletter and now a website. Thank you to so many of them who have agreed to renew their sponsorship and to Ellen Andrasick and her team for pounding the pavement and meeting with them to collect those funds as well as extending our appreciation. Grazie !!

On April 20th we remember Jesus' sacrifice and give thanks for what he brought to our world. May you and your family have a joyous and Happy Easter. In this season of rebirth, may you feel your faith renewed and your heart made new with the hope that this Easter season brings.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and holy Easter!

Joe



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Welcome to your April Newsletter



Welcome to your April Newsletter and HAPPY SPRING!


This month's Newsletter is packed with exciting events to celebrate! We're thrilled to share the Easter vibe with you through the colors and backgrounds.

April kicks off the month with Pesce d'Aprile, but this year, America Lodge is taking it seriously! Our first article is all about Spring and suggests some popular Italian flowers that we can add to our own gardens. Next, we'll dive into Holy Week and Easter, with a revisit on how Easter is celebrated in Italy, from Palm Sunday to Pasquetta. And guess what? We've got an interesting article on two unlikely Saints who are connected in a fascinating way! Why do we color Easter eggs, you might wonder? Well, we've got an article explaining how, when, and why this fun tradition started.

And finally, we're excited to unveil our very own America Lodge website! After months of hard work and research, we're proud to present our website for our members to enjoy and for prospective new members to explore.

There's so much more to celebrate in our Newsletter, so read on and enjoy!

Buona Pasqua!
Donna



NEWSLETTER REMINDER-Deadline for the MAY Newsletter is April 18th, 2025. For planning purposes, all articles for publication should be received by the Friday after the General Meeting. We welcome photos with your article! Please email [Donna Johnson](#) or text (518) 681-7915. The Newsletter team reserves the right to edit articles, letters, advertisements, and other material submitted for publication, for its length, clarity, accuracy, grammar, and spelling and for conformity to the ideals of the Order.

Membership Corner

by Membership Chairperson, Jo Ann Maggio



At our March 19th General Meeting we installed 3 new members. Please welcome:
Loreto Mancini, Paola Mancini, and Franca Fratarcangeli.

WELCOME
NEW
MEMBERS!



BENVENUTO!

Please continue to talk to your family members, neighbors, friends, and co-workers about joining America Lodge #2245. If you have prospective new members, please reach out to Jo Ann Maggio at (516) 850-5288 or madsav1128@yahoo.com for an application. And consider bringing a friend to our April meeting! Remember, new members are the only way to ensure that we continue to grow so that we can remain a vibrant Lodge!



America Lodge #2245

Check out our FACEBOOK page! We post photos of our meetings and events, provide informative posts on our Italian Culture and Heritage and keep our members informed about Lodge and local events! Come log on and see what we're up to!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 8, 2025 America Lodge **Council Meeting**. 7:00 pm, Franklin Square Library.
- April 16, 2025 America Lodge **General Membership Meeting**. 7:30 pm, VFW.
- April 26, 2025 America Lodge #2245 hosts the **New York Grand Lodge Plenary**.
- June 26-29, 2025 **OSDIA NYS Grand Lodge Annual Convention**, Albany New York.
- August 9, 2025 **America Lodge Annual Fishing Trip**.
- September 6, 2025 **America Lodge Annual Picnic**.
- October 19, 2025 America Lodge #2245 **54th Anniversary Dinner Dance** at Leonards.



BUON COMPLEANNO

Bart Badalucco, Christine Balsan,
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Giordano, Barbara Kobler, Pierina
Liberatoscioli, Anne O'Connell, Janis
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Sperrazza, William Teitz, Cathy Walsh.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Cathy Palmeri on the engagement of her
granddaughter Christine Bonfitto to
Michael Challice. A late 2026 wedding is being
planned!

Anne O'Connell on the arrival of her new
grandbaby in the family!

GET WELL SOON!

Luigi Pinto, Helen Geneva,
Chrissy LoBello, Dennis Lyons

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The family of Lino Tinelli



America Lodge sharing great news!

Annette Koziarz and family have a lot to celebrate!

Grandson, **Jonathan**, who will be graduating from Purdue University in May was inducted into Alpha Nu Sigma National Honor Society Purdue Chapter. The Best of the Best!

And, if that wasn't enough, Granddaughter, **Emily**, graduated Purchase College with Summa Cum Laude honors and will be attending Columbia University for a Masters degree.

Congratulations to Jonathan and Emily!

THANK YOU, Charter Member CATHY PALMER!!

As part of our Website design and research, we always want to ensure that the America Lodge history is honored. Cathy graciously opened her home and her photo albums to me so we can stroll down memory lane and make copies of some photos of our Founding America Lodge Venerable's.

THANK YOU AMERICA LODGE #2245!!!

When it comes to stepping up and providing for the community, America Lodge #2245 does it without hesitation and we do it "Italian style"!

Our very own Mary Rose O'Hara asked us to support the St. Catherine of Sienna/St. Vincent de Paul Outreach by providing Easter candy for the children in need. America Lodge members sent Mary Rose back with an abundance of Easter treats that the children will just love!

Grazie and Buona Pasqua !

America Lodge #2245 members playing MAH JONGG at the Franklin Square Library!



Easter funnies by Jo

"You are never fully dressed without a smile"

Why did the Easter bunny go to the beauty parlor?

To get a hare cut!

What did the sign say on the Easter bunny's door?

Hare today and gone tomorrow.

Who is Snow White's brother?

Egg white! Get the yolk?

What does the Easter bunny do after Easter is over?

Becomes a hare dresser!

How do you tame a wild hare?

Wear an Easter bonnet!

Where do rabbits go after their wedding?

On their bunnymoon!

What do you call a line of rabbits walking backwards?

A receding hare-line!

What is the Easter Bunny's coffee order?

Eggs-presso!

What did one Easter egg say to the other?

Heard any good yolks lately?

What happens when you tell an egg a joke?

They crack up!

Happy Easter Buena Pasqua



APRIL FOOLS!!

Pesce d'aprile!!

**GUESS WHAT? YOU SHOULD HAVE A CUPCAKE FOR BREAKFAST THIS MORNING. IT'S VERY NUTRITIOUS.
APRIL FOOLS!**

(Now go ahead and reach for that bowl of oatmeal like you were going to!)

The First of April is an annual day for jokes, hoaxes, and pranks, and a time for much-needed belly laughs. What's more, April Fool's day can be good for your health! Laughing can have a positive effect on brain activity and relieve stress and anxiety. Laughing also may be good for your heart! It has a beneficial effect on blood pressure and heart rate, as well as relaxes your blood vessels, which could reduce strain on the heart.

The fun doesn't have to stop at the end of the day; April 1st also marks the start of National Humor Month. A month-long celebration of laughter and happiness. So, you have plenty of time to plan your jokes, or even just catch up on Saturday Night Live or the latest funny cat video's on YouTube!

So, go ahead and smile all month long and laugh until your abs hurt. It's worth it!

In Italy, the April 1st tradition is often known as "April fish" or Pesce d'aprile in Italian. Pranks include attempting to attach a paper fish to the victim's back without being noticed. Many newspapers spread a false story on Pesce d'aprile, and a subtle reference to a fish is sometimes given as a clue to the fact that it is an April Fools' prank.

Pesce d'aprile!!!



IS THERE A PATRON SAINT OF RIDDLES?

Long ago, in 4th-century France, St. Hilary was known for his sharp mind and even sharper wit. Before becoming a Bishop, he spent much of his life studying philosophy, which led him to believe in the truth of Catholicism. Once he embraced the Church, he became a fearless defender of the Faith.

But what made him stand out wasn't just his courage—it was his cleverness. During a time when the Church faced a serious threat from the Arian Heresy, St. Hilary had to be both a theologian and a strategist— and he did so without ever losing his wit! He knew that arguments alone wouldn't always win people over, so he used something unexpected: Riddles and questions that made people think deeply about the truth.

One famous story goes like this:

Hilary was debating an Arian Bishop who insisted that Jesus was not equal to God the Father. Rather than launching into a long speech, Hilary asked him a seemingly simple question:

"Who do you think is wiser—God or Man?"

The Bishop scoffed. "God, of course."

Hilary nodded. "Then tell me this: If God who is wiser, tells us that the Son is equal to the Father, why do you, a man, argue otherwise?"

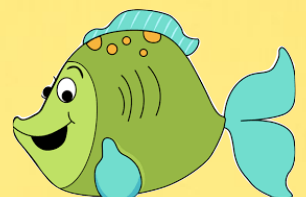
The Bishop was stunned into silence. The crowd erupted in murmurs. Hilary's clever question had exposed the flaw in the Bishop's reasoning without a single insult or harsh word.

SO, YES—THERE IS A PATRON SAINT OF RIDDLES!

April Fools' can be good for one's health because it encourages "jokes, hoaxes ... pranks, [and] belly laughs", and brings all the benefits of laughter!

Source: news.health.com

Source: Catholiccompany.com





ITALIAN

Flowers

Italian flowers are renowned for their beauty and cultural significance. From carnations to roses, they reflect Italy's rich history and vibrant culture. Many flowers are known by their Italian names, like Giglio (lily) and Gelsomino (jasmine), adding cultural depth to the diverse blooms.

The **white lily** is Italy's national flower, symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty. It features a fragrant trumpet-shaped bloom with ruffled white petals. The flower is used in religious ceremonies and Italian art, literature, and films. In Italian culture, the white lily symbolizes faith, hope, and love, often given as a token of appreciation or good luck. In Catholicism, it represents the Virgin Mary's purity and holiness, symbolizing peace and harmony.

The Orchidea, or **Orchid**, is a beautiful flower often found in Italian gardens. Orchids vary in shape, size, and color, with many species featuring elongated and wavy petals. Their fragrance ranges from robust and sweet to subtle or odorless. Orchids, symbolizing love, beauty, and strength are popular in wedding bouquets and ceremonial arrangements. Their vibrant colors and scents enhance Italian culture and gardens.

The **daisy**, known as Margherita in Italian, usually feature a central yellow disc surrounded by white petals and are commonly linked to springtime and sunshine. They have a light, sweet fragrance and are often incorporated in floral arrangements and bouquets. Daisies symbolize innocence, purity, and simplicity. In Italian culture, they are often given as gifts or used in decorations to convey these feelings.

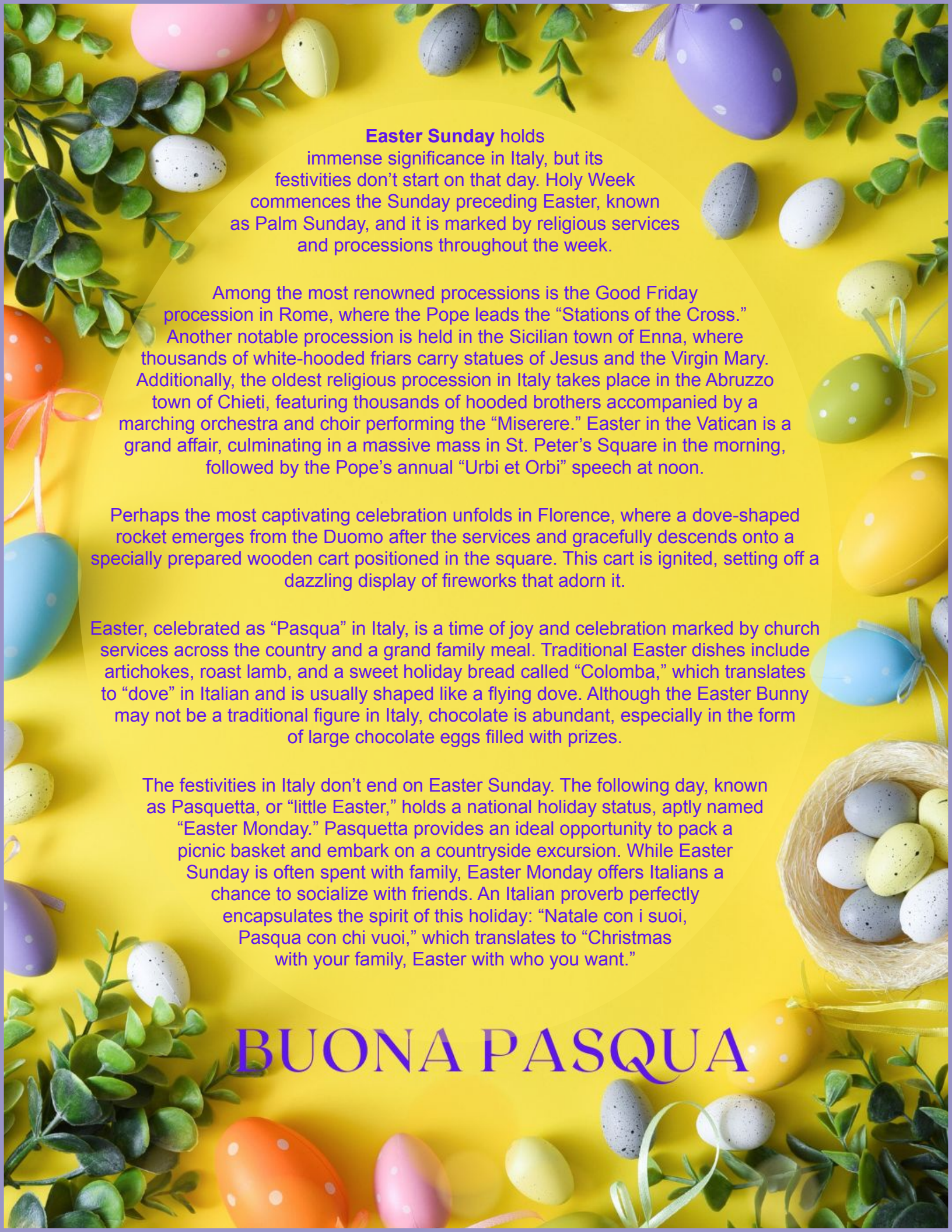
Poppies, or Papavero in Italian, are known for their delicate petals and vibrant colors. They are commonly found in Italy's meadows, fields, and gardens and come in various colors with large blooms and dark centers creating a striking contrast. In Italian culture, poppies symbolize remembrance, dreams, and resilience, often memorializing fallen soldiers. Their vibrant presence is cherished in gardens and landscapes.

Zinnias are vibrant, easy-to-grow flowering plants with colors ranging from red to white. They have a mild, sweet fragrance and daisy-like appearance, making them popular in gardens and floral arrangements. Zinnias symbolize remembrance of absent friends and are often used for this purpose. In Italian culture, they are common in decorative garden arrangements, adding cheerful color to landscapes.

Violets are small, fragrant flowers in various colors, with heart-shaped leaves. They are popular as garden plants, ground cover, and floral arrangements. Violets, known for their sweet fragrance, are used in perfumes and scented products. Symbolizing love, loyalty, and faithfulness, violets are favored in Italian culture and weddings for their beauty and vibrant color.

Sunflowers, known in Italian as Girasole, have large, bright flowers, a central disc of small yellow flowers surrounded by bright yellow petals, and tall, sturdy stems. Sunflowers are used as decorative plants and in fragrant products. They are associated with happiness, loyalty, and longevity. In Italian culture, they are often given to represent happiness and good cheer.

Source
[Find more Italian Flowers here!](#)



Easter Sunday holds immense significance in Italy, but its festivities don't start on that day. Holy Week commences the Sunday preceding Easter, known as Palm Sunday, and it is marked by religious services and processions throughout the week.

Among the most renowned processions is the Good Friday procession in Rome, where the Pope leads the "Stations of the Cross." Another notable procession is held in the Sicilian town of Enna, where thousands of white-hooded friars carry statues of Jesus and the Virgin Mary. Additionally, the oldest religious procession in Italy takes place in the Abruzzo town of Chieti, featuring thousands of hooded brothers accompanied by a marching orchestra and choir performing the "Miserere." Easter in the Vatican is a grand affair, culminating in a massive mass in St. Peter's Square in the morning, followed by the Pope's annual "Urbi et Orbi" speech at noon.

Perhaps the most captivating celebration unfolds in Florence, where a dove-shaped rocket emerges from the Duomo after the services and gracefully descends onto a specially prepared wooden cart positioned in the square. This cart is ignited, setting off a dazzling display of fireworks that adorn it.

Easter, celebrated as "Pasqua" in Italy, is a time of joy and celebration marked by church services across the country and a grand family meal. Traditional Easter dishes include artichokes, roast lamb, and a sweet holiday bread called "Colomba," which translates to "dove" in Italian and is usually shaped like a flying dove. Although the Easter Bunny may not be a traditional figure in Italy, chocolate is abundant, especially in the form of large chocolate eggs filled with prizes.

The festivities in Italy don't end on Easter Sunday. The following day, known as Pasquetta, or "little Easter," holds a national holiday status, aptly named "Easter Monday." Pasquetta provides an ideal opportunity to pack a picnic basket and embark on a countryside excursion. While Easter Sunday is often spent with family, Easter Monday offers Italians a chance to socialize with friends. An Italian proverb perfectly encapsulates the spirit of this holiday: "Natale con i suoi, Pasqua con chi vuoi," which translates to "Christmas with your family, Easter with who you want."

BUONA PASQUA

Festa della Liberazione Friday, April 25, 2025

Liberation Day is a national holiday in Italy that is celebrated annually on April 25. It remembers Italians who fought against the Nazis and Mussolini's troops during World War II and honors all those who served in the Italian Resistance.

As a public holiday, it is celebrated nationwide throughout Italy with festivals, music concerts, marching bands, political rallies, and other public gatherings.

The Italian flag is displayed, proudly, in parades and outside windows. A popular tradition is the singing of the folk song "Bella Ciao", a tale of a partisan who died for Italian freedom, whose only wish was to be buried in the mountains under the shadow of a beautiful flower. This was sung by the Italian resistance during World War II and continues to this day.



[Are you enjoying this Newsletter? Click here and let us know!](#)

Thank you for reading!

We love to hear from you!

Donna, besides March being my birthday month, another thing I learned reading the Lion's Roar are the so many beautiful colors that are involved in the many different articles this month!

First, we start with the beautiful "yellow" of the mimosas celebrating International Women's Day. (how fitting!) Next, we have Antonio Vivaldi, the Red Priest because of his "red" hair! Then there's the interesting story of St. Patrick's Well and how every year it is lit up in "green" for St. Patrick's Day. And finally, we have the color "purple" which symbolizes the sufferings and humiliation Jesus endured at the hands of the Roman soldiers. It turns out March is a very colorful month-just like the people born in that month!

~Anthony Spano

AMERICA LODGE WEBSITE



What began six (6) months ago as an incredible vision will become a beautiful reality on April 16th during our General Meeting. America Lodge, you will finally have a website and what an unbelievable journey it has been...

After speaking with other lodges, web designers and exploring website builders, we embarked on a mission to create our very own website. Armed with only creative talent and dreams, we watched countless YouTubes and held conference calls with WIX (our website host) to produce our presence on the World Wide Web. We wanted to create a website which reflects America Lodge, our members, our community and all that we do.

One of the things that we had to consider, during the building process, is that everyone will view the website on different devices. Some will use desktop computers, some laptops, some have tablets and others will use their smart phones. Each of these devices will display our website in a different format. For instance, some will view the website in portrait or the vertical representation, while others will look at it in landscape or the horizontal view. Our website is built to handle all of that. However, the web host is continuing to refine their presentations on tablet devices. So, if you use an iPad, Galaxy tablet, Lenovo IdeaPad or Microsoft Surface Pro, the way in which the website is displayed may have some information missing near the edges of the screen. That is a known problem and the team at Wix is working to resolve that issue.

Our website is for us to use as a central repository, storing information about our upcoming events, our clubs' activities and our meetings. You can find out information about our history, and access links to the OSDIA, CSJ or Garibaldi Meucci Museum. We have links to the 2025 newsletters and contact information for our officers and committee chairs. We even have a few of our advertisers who have generously agreed to support our website. We enabled it so that when you click on their advertisement it will take you directly to their website! A win-win!!

We will give a demonstration of our website at the April 16th General Meeting. Get ready to be like Columbus and explore a whole new world. A world that is familiar, but all new at the same time...

www.Americalodge2245.com



WHY DO WE COLOR EASTER EGGS?

Explore Italian Culture says that long before Christianity adopted the egg as a part of our Easter traditions, the ancient Romans believed that "omne vivum ex ovo" - all life comes from the egg - and it was commonly a symbol of new birth after the winter when everything has lain dormant.

According to Time magazine, throughout history eggs have been a symbol of rebirth and fertility, so it may not seem surprising that eggs are often associated with Easter; a holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The origins of Easter eggs, however, may have been more of a matter of practicality.

In Medieval Europe, the rules for fasting during Lent were much stricter than they are today. Christians were not allowed to eat meat or any animal product — including cheese, milk, cream or eggs — so they hard-boiled the eggs their chickens would produce. These hard-boiled eggs would then be given out (often to the poor, who were unable to afford meat for their celebrations) around the Easter holiday.

In Italy, Easter eggs were traditionally colored red. The story goes that following the death of Christ on Good Friday, Mary Magdalen travelled to Italy to spread the word of the resurrection. She was granted an audience with the Emperor Tiberius Caesar. While presenting him an egg she had taken as a gift, it miraculously turned red, symbolizing the blood of Christ. Easter egg colors hold symbolic meanings, with red representing the blood of Christ, yellow/gold symbolizing the resurrection and joy, and green symbolizing new life and growth.

As chocolate became increasingly popular in the early 20th Century, the skills of knowing how to color Easter eggs started to fade, and chocolate eggs began to take the place of painted eggs. Chocolate Easter eggs, *uova di Pasqua al cioccolato*, have now overtaken decorated eggs in Italy as the most popular Easter gift.

Italians take everything chocolate very seriously - and Easter eggs are no exception. Even in the smallest village, every grocery store, shop window, and market stall will boast an abundant display of these treats in the days leading up to Easter Sunday.

Eataly.com reports that each year, chocolatiers try to outdo themselves with increasingly elaborate edible designs. Inside, the chocolate eggs may be hollow, contain creamy fillings, or even feature a tiny surprise. Typically, the surprise or surprise can range from a small trinket to more chocolate, or even an engagement ring. In Italy it seems that Easter is now overtaking the tradition of getting engaged on Valentine's Day, with more and more Italians letting their chocolate eggs do the proposing. Any way you look at it...its just yummy.

BUONA PASQUA!

Two unlikely Saints...



According to Catholic Online, Good Friday is the day on which Catholics commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

On Good Friday Jesus was nailed to the cross and crucified between two thieves. One of the thieves, Dismas the man to the right of the Lord, or the “Good Thief,” repented his sins and accepted Christ while on the cross. Gestas, the impenitent (meaning unrepentant or hard-hearted) thief was on the cross to the left of Jesus, and taunts Jesus about not saving himself and them.

In ancient Rome, crucifixion was an especially painful method of execution. It was so extreme that no Roman citizen was permitted to be executed in this way. Crucifixion was reserved for slaves, foreign criminals, and those who had renounced citizenship with Rome. In Rome’s eyes, crucifixion was for those who were sub-human and reserved only for the worst criminals.

So just who was this good thief and is he really our first saint?

Denvercatholic.org says St. Dismas was a criminal and by all assumptions, was not always a man of faith, and he was certainly not someone who had been striving to live a sinless life. St. Dismas had been sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate alongside Jesus and Gestas. As the Gospels say, “One of the criminals who was hanged railed at Him, saying, ‘Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!’ (Lk 32:39). However, Dismas rebuked the other thief, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong” (Lk 23:40-41).

Dynamic Catholic says that act of confession was enough to send Saint Dismas straight to Heaven upon his death. This remarkable mercy is available for each and every one of us in the Sacrament of Confession. No matter what we’ve done, no matter how long it’s been since we tried talking to Jesus, and no matter how unforgivable or unworthy we feel—Jesus is waiting to forgive us.

St. Dismas illustrates the perfect power of faith. St. Dismas, in his dying gasps, did just this. In perhaps the most vulnerable moment of his life, Dismas utters words that not only reveal his heart, but transform it entirely: “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingly power” (Lk 23:43). Jesus responds, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise” (Lk 23:43). While not formally canonized by the Catholic Church, St. Dismas, is widely considered the first saint to enter Paradise.

However, Good Friday would reveal for us yet another unlikely saint.

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Longinus was a Roman soldier and often ordered to finish off the condemned. For Longinus, it was yet another grim duty in his long military career. He had seen men die before. And that Friday afternoon outside Jerusalem, the three men on the crosses were like any others—except for the one in the middle; Jesus.

Longinus had been going blind for years, a slow, creeping condition that no doctor or priest had been able to cure. He had accepted it, fought through it, and learned to work around it. His orders that day were to confirm Jesus's death. He was to pierce Jesus's side with his lance. A routine action. A soldier's job. And as he thrust his spear under Jesus' ribs, something astounding happened...

Blood and water flowed from the wound—an unnatural, distinct separation of fluids. But more than that, as the blood touched him, something changed. He blinked hard, and staggered back. His men saw the shock on his face, the way his entire posture changed. And then he said it, "Truly, this man was the Son of God."

After that day, Longinus left the army. Having witnessed the supernatural events surrounding Christ's execution, he was reportedly among the first to convert to the Faith, becoming a student of the Apostles.

He went to Cappadocia, where he preached until the Roman authorities arrested him for abandoning the army and spreading the Gospel. During the Christian persecutions, St. Longinus openly professed himself a Christian and was arrested. When commanded by the governor of that region to pay homage to the pagan gods, the former centurion persistently refused. He endured cruel tortures for his refusal, bravely enduring his tongue being cut out and teeth extracted. However, St. Longinus miraculously continued to speak clearly in defense of the faith.

Although some mystery still surrounds both St. Dismas and St. Longinus, the importance is the role they play in the gospel. Both saints attest to the love of our Lord, and give us hope of salvation.

During this Easter season, may the joy of the risen Christ fill your heart with peace, hope, and love. Happy Easter!

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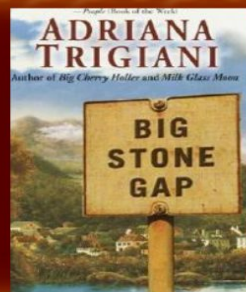


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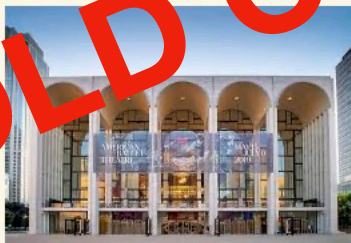
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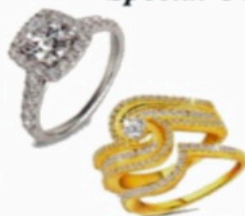
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