



# Amici d'Italia

## Lodge 2791

### Jacksonville, Florida

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## The Amici Newsletter

### February 2025

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT....

Our February General Meeting on Friday February 21 is our Valentine's Meeting and remaining collection of payments for Annual Membership Renewal. Please complete renewals this month. We will also elect Delegates to the Bi-Annual Grand Lodge Convention: May 28 to June 1, 2025.

Our hosting of the Grand Lodge of Florida at their Tri-Annual Meeting here in Jacksonville was a stunning success thanks to the hard-working Committee and so many members who pitched in. Two thank you notes from Grand Lodge President Joe Dente and Secretary Marie DeMilio Buchman are shared in this Newsletter.

There are so many Lodge activities coming up, it is hard to keep up (all the details are in later pages):

Restaurant Night at Bono's Pit BBQ; Carnevale Party; Franciscan Friars Benefactor Day at Marywood; Group Tickets to Il Volo (waiting list for cancellations only); Membership Coffee Social at Happy Brew; Annual St. Joseph's Dinner (next general meeting); Joe/Paddy Party at Our Lady Star of the Sea; group attending My Fair Lady.

We are continuing to Promote our shared culture, Preserve the best of our heritage and Protect our reputation through our Committee on Social Justice. We have so much of which to be proud.

Annette



## ABOUT US



The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® (OSDIA) is the largest and oldest national organization for men and women of Italian heritage in the United States. Founded in 1905 as a mutual aid society for early Italian immigrants, today OSDIA has thousands of family members located in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, making it the leading service and advocacy organization for the nation’s estimated 26 million people of Italian descent. Our missions include encouraging the study of Italian language and culture in American schools and universities; preserving Italian American traditions, culture, history and heritage; and promoting closer cultural relations between the United States and Italy.



## February Birthdays

- |                       |                      |                     |                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1 Jennifer Burroughs  | 8 Julie Fiorello     | 14 Richard Thompson | 25 Nancy Perrone |
| 1 Raffaele Castaldo   | 9 Julianne Romanello | 16 Brenda Harris    | 28 Leigh Lemme   |
| 1 Lee Holmgren        | 13 Cynthia Henn      | 20 Carolyn Roggio   |                  |
| 3 Antoinette O'Connor | 14 Jack Cosentino    | 22 Al Lannacone     |                  |

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

*Applications for 2025 now available  
Contact Chair Lucy Cortese*



The Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSIDA) promotes, enhances, and encourages the *study of Italian heritage and culture*. Our local chapter offers two scholarships to high school seniors of Italian descent who display academic excellence and leadership abilities. Applications are available for students from public and private high schools in Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, and Nassau counties.

A completed application and supporting materials are **due by March 14, 2025. Deadline is February 28, 2025.** Award decisions will be announced by April 4th. Recipients will be honored at a chapter recognition dinner on April 25th. For more information or a scholarship application, contact chair Lucy Cortese at [lgcortese@att.net](mailto:lgcortese@att.net).



# The Amici Newsletter Lodge 2791 February 2025

## Information, Activities and Updates

### Meetings Mailing Address Contact Information



- Council meets 1st Tuesday of the month.
- Lodge meets the 3rd Friday of the month at 6:30pm at *Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church 7860 Southside Blvd, Jacksonville Florida 32256. **Next Meeting February 21, 2025***
- Mail address: Amici D'Italia Lodge 2791 PO Box 8985 Jacksonville, Fl 32239-8985
- President: Annette Guarino email [annette57@aol.com](mailto:annette57@aol.com) phone 914-548-7821
- Newsletter: Sal Santapola email [saldesanta@gmail.com](mailto:saldesanta@gmail.com) phone 904-887-8758



The book club meets periodically at 6:30pm at *Dom Sorrentino's home, 12640 Shoal Creek Lane North, Jacksonville, Fl 32225. **Next Meeting will be in March. Will advise of date via email.***

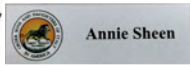
Book Discussion: *The Sicilian Inheritance* by Jo Piazza.

Chair Leader Cheryl Callavini 904-744-1779

RSVP to attend 904-866-8527, so that your name is at the entry gate.



### Golf Shirt/Name Tag



Golf Shirt - Cost \$25 - Name Tags Cost is \$13

Contact Annie Sheen for Golf Shirt or Name Tags. [Anniesheen@comcast.net](mailto:Anniesheen@comcast.net)

Italian Heritage Cook Book - \$20 - Purchase at the general meeting.



### Scholarship



#### Scholarships - Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

National Leadership Grants – General Information Through the Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF), and tens of thousands of family members located in all fifty states and the District of Columbia, the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® (OSDIA) has awarded tens of millions of dollars in scholarships to date. The Foundation is excited to support more talented youth to achieve their dreams. Scholarship application - for next year: [www.osdia.org/scholarships/](http://www.osdia.org/scholarships/) Deadline February 28, 2025 (See page 2 for more information.)

### Committees



We continue to reach out for volunteers to assist on each committee which are the following: **Fraternity, Philanthropy, Membership, Culture, Finance & Communications.**

Committees established and are on going are: Fraternity, Finance, Philanthropy (Charities & Scholarship). Contact Sal Santapola @ [saldesanta@gmail.com](mailto:saldesanta@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

### Night out Social Thursday January 23, Vito's Pizza

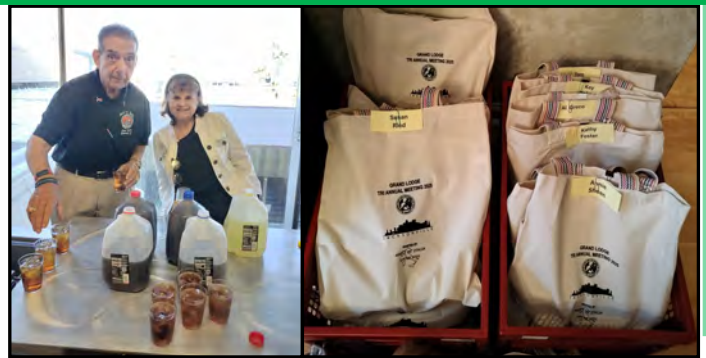


Thirty members attended Vito's Pizza Restaurant and had a wonderful time enjoying delicious Italian food and Pizza.

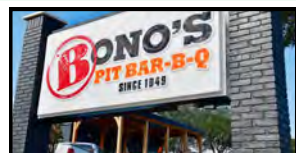
### Grand Lodge Tri Annual Meeting Jan. 31 - Feb 1, 2025 Hosted by Amici Di' Italia Lodge 2791

Photo on the right is Butch Ferrizzi and Annie Sheen who helped serve beverages at the Luncheon on Saturday Feb 1.

The Committee of De Santapola, Donna Addeo & Catherine DiTrapani worked together stuffing tote bags (picture on the right) and setting up the complimentary Lunch.



### Restaurant Social Bono's BBQ Thursday Feb. 27, 6pm



Join us for a fellowship and some good Barbecue at Bono's Pit BBQ 4907 Beach Blvd. Jacksonville, Fl 32207 904-398-4248  
[Bono's Pit Bar-B-Q | Real Pit Barbecue Since 1949](http://Bono's Pit Bar-B-Q | Real Pit Barbecue Since 1949)

## January 17, 2025 FRIDAY GENERAL MEETING A Bright New Year 2025

Buon Anno!



We celebrated a bright New Year 2025 theme with a variety of traditional foods. We had Pork, collard greens, noodles, rice, blackeye peas, lentil soup, corn bread and a variety of other foods and desserts. Fifty-seven members attended and enjoyed food and fellowship. A big thank you to Annie Sheen for cooking the pork and all the members that supplied the food, beverages and desserts. Top pictures l/r, Paul Ouellette and members adding food to their plates, members enjoying their dinner. The right photo is De Santapola and Donna Addeo presenting the tote bag program for the Tri-Annual Meeting that our lodge is hosting.





## AMICI D' ITALIA LODGE 2791 HOSTING GRAND LODGE TRI ANNUAL MEETING Thursday January 30, to Sunday February 2, 2025 DOUBLETREE RIVERFRONT HOTEL



Grand Lodge meeting returned to Jacksonville Florida after 23 years. Our Lodge was the Host and the photo on the left is Lucy and Mario Cortese on Friday giving out Tote Bags to each delegate that attended the Tri-Annual Meeting. On Saturday our Lodge and St Augustine Lodge hosted a complimentary lunch. Photos below are members enjoying the lunch. Help serving were committee members Donna Addeo and Catherine DiTrapani.



Hi Annette,

I want to thank you again for all the hard work you and your lodge did to make our tri-annual meeting a huge success. The goodie bags were a welcome surprise and just started the weekend off with a bang.

I simply enjoyed the BBQ BUT ate way too much. Also, I was one of the first recipients of the door prizes. The beautiful scarf/shawl is beyond description. The colors in it are all the colors I wear; I just love it. And one more thing. Please thank the person(s) that made the American wooden heart tied to the Italian heart. They are now hanging from the mirror in my car.

Your lodge went all out making everyone feel welcomed and I thank you again for that. Please pass along my thanks to all members of your lodge. Stay well and may GOD bless you and your lodge family.

Marie DeMilio-Buchman  
cell (941) 661-4247



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Sons and  
Daughters  
of Italy  
IN AMERICA

Grand Lodge of Florida

February 5, 2025

Dear President Guarino & Members of the Amici D'Italia Lodge:

What a great meeting the Grand Lodge of Florida had in Jacksonville!

A huge part of the success of our meeting was due to the wonderful reception our officers, lodge presidents, and committee members received from the joint efforts of the Amici D'Italia and St. Augustine Lodges. Those members who arrived early on Thursday enjoyed a great dinner at Bono's. Thank you, Annette for arranging the evening! From the "goodie bags" we received upon arrival, to Friday's reception, Saturday's lunch, and Saturday's entertainment at the dinner/dance, we were treated so special.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Florida, I want to thank you for your hospitality and for all you did to make us feel welcomed to Jacksonville. You have set the bar high!

Fraternally,

Joe

Joseph Dente, President  
OSDIA Grand Lodge of Florida



cc: Nick Canatore, 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
Mark Gregorio, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP



## GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA

### 37th BIENNIUM STATE CONVENTION

MAY 28 - JUNE 1, 2025

EMBASSY SUITES, BUENA VISTA So. Kissimmee Florida

### CONVENTION FEES AND REGISTRATION

ROOM RATES: \$ 159.00 per night plus taxes

Rates are applicable 3 days before and after the official meeting dates, subject to availability.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION FEE: \$ 290.00 includes all event meals below

ALTERNATE DELEGATE REG. FEE: \$ 275.00 includes all event meals below

5/29 THURS. WELCOME RECEPTION BUFFET: \$60.00 Open Seating

5/30 FRI. PRESIDENTS & OFFICERS LUNCHEON: \$75 .00 Open Seating

5/31 SAT. FORMAL INSTALLATION DINNER / DANCE: \$95.00 Assigned Seating

**PLEASE NOTE, NO MEAL TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. ALL GUESTS MUST MAKE THEIR RESERVATION THROUGH THEIR LOCAL LODGE WHO WILL FORWARD NAMES TO THE GRAND LODGE FOR THE GUEST CHECK IN LIST FOR EACH EVENT. "NO WALK-INS"**

**DELEGATES, ALTERNATE DELEGATES AND GUEST FEES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE, TO:  
THE GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA (Note on memo: CONVENTION 2025).**

**MAIL TO THE CONVENTION CHAIR: TONY CIANCIOTTA - OSDIA**

**5443 QUEEN VICTORIA DR**

**LEESBURG, FLORIDA 34748**

**ALL RESERVATIONS AND FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

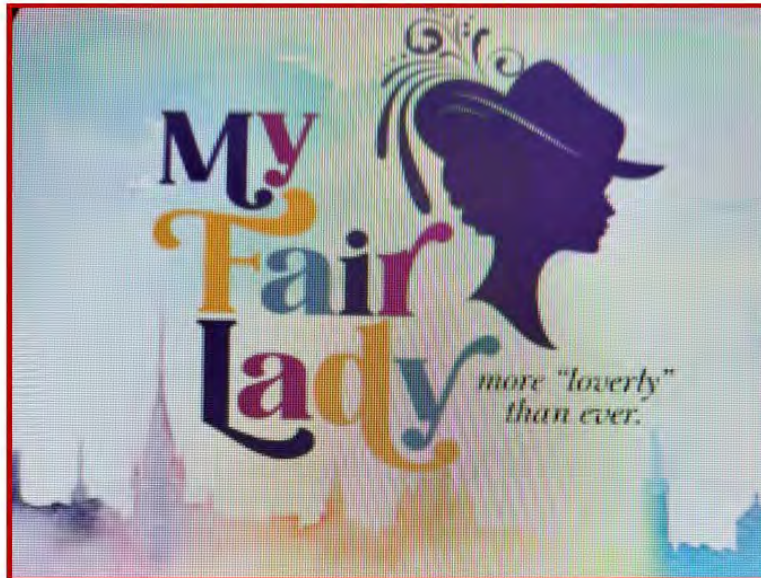
THE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT THE EMBASSY SUITES, BUENA VISTA SOUTH. 4955 KYNGS HEATH ROAD,  
KISSIMMEE, FL 34746 (407) 597-4000

Information is available on the Grand Lodge website "OSIAFLORIDA.ORG"

Complimentary Open bar every night from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm for registered guests

Complimentary Cooked to order breakfast each morning for registered guests

Free self-parking



**My Fair Lady** is the quintessential classic musical based on the classic story of Pygmalion. This timeless musical boasts songs like **Wouldn't It Be Lovely**, **I Could Have Danced All Night** and **The Rain in Spain**.

## **SATURDAY MATINEE - JUNE 21, 2025**

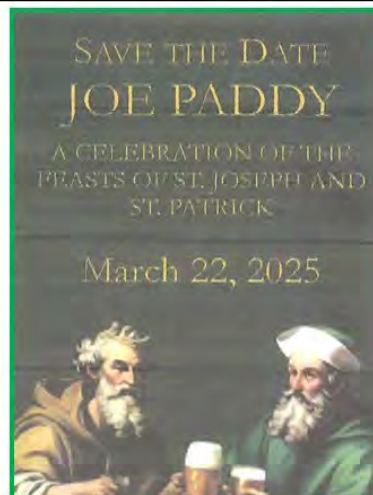
**Dinner from 12pm to 1:40pm - Performance 1:50pm**

We have booked **seventy-two seats** for this performance. **Everyone** enjoys going to Alhambra Theatre for a pleasant time with a Broadway Show, dining, and fellowship. **Donation \$73.00 per person including tax and gratuity**

**Make Check Payable to OSDIA (sons and daughters of Italy)**

**We will start selling tickets at the next general meeting Or you can email me and I will reserve your seats. Send to: [saldesanta@gmail.com](mailto:saldesanta@gmail.com)**

JOE PADDY CELEBRATION  
SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2025  
AT  
OUR LADY OF  
THE STAR OF THE SEA  
545 A1A N. #545  
PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL.  
32082



JOE PADDY CELEBRATION  
EVITE TO BE SENT OUT  
WITH TIME OF PERFORMANCE  
PRICE PER TICKET  
AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS  
TO ATTEND





## Carnevale Italian Style

OSDIA AMICI D'ITALIA LODGE #2791  
(SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER)

FOOD • MUSIC • DANCING

**MAR. 4 | 6-9 pm | LAKECREST  
CLUBHOUSE**

10150 Belle Rive Blvd. JAX 32256—Bring your own  
drinks of choice with extra to share!  
PLEASE RSVP TO: [Annette57@aol.com](mailto:Annette57@aol.com)  
or 914-548-7821—\$25 each; Mail checks to OSDIA  
#2791, c/o Guarino, 10150 Belle Rive Blvd  
**Unit 901, JAX 32256**

Limit to first 40 partygoers: Traditional Italian Carnevale  
evening with plentiful food, prior to Ash Wednesday,  
masks, wine and beer, music, confetti, an adventure!



Amici D'Italia Lodge # 2791 Sons Of Italy In America ~ Jacksonville, Florida

OSDIA New Member Coffee Social

Come join us for a cup of coffee and to share a story or two about your experiences and family traditions as an American of Italian descent and heritage.

Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 11:30am at  
*Happy Brew.*

3200 Hendricks Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32207

[904.575.4940](tel:904.575.4940)

<https://www.happybrew.org/>



## February/March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Council Meeting 6:30pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 General Meeting 6:30pm	22
23	24	25 Franciscan Friars Marywood 10am	26	27 Restaurant Social 6pm Bono's BBQ	28	1 March
2	3	4 Carnevale 6:00pm	5 Ash Wed.	6	7 Il Volo/Symphony 8.00pm	8 Coffee Social 9:30am

*Save the Date*

2/21/25 - General Meeting 6:30pm  
 2/25/25 Franciscan Friars Marywood 10am  
 2/27/25 - Restaurant Social  
 Bonos Pit BBQ 6pm

*Save the Date*

3/4/25 Carnevale 6pm  
 3/7/25 Il Volo Symphony 8pm  
 3/8/25 Coffee Social 9:30am  
 3/21/25 General Meeting (St. Joseph) 6pm  
 3/22/25 Joe Paddy at Our Lady Star of the Sea

**MOVING FROM PAST EXAMPLES SUCH AS THESE AND MORE...**

**OLD**

Example Lodge

**...TO A MORE UNIFIED, GLOBAL BRANDED LOOK AND FEEL.**

**PIN**

OSDIA PRIMARY LOGO

OSDIA SECONDARY LOGO

OSDIA SOCIAL MEDIA LOGO