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**FROM THE PRESIDENT....**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL: 2025 is a Year of Hope designated by the Holy Father and by virtue of a transition in two branches of our Federal government in Washington DC: so many opportunities for change and hope in the years ahead. I ask you to say prayers for the outgoing President, for the incoming President and the entire Congress, for courage, prudence and pragmatism in the most powerful positions leading the free world.**

Our January General Meeting on Friday January 17 is our Annual Membership Renewal Meeting.

Finally, the entire Council of the Lodge is looking forward to hosting the Grand Lodge of Florida at their Tri-Annual Meeting here at the Double Tree Hilton @ Riverplace from January 30 to February 2, 2025. We are most honored and will ask for “all hands-on-deck” as we meet, greet and spoil the state officers and presidents and officers from Lodges all around the great State of Florida. A summary is on page 4 of this Newsletter. Thank you all in advance.

Avanti!

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.




## January Birthdays

- |                   |                     |                     |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 Mona Ryner      | 11 Donna Auger      | 17 Marilyn Sussan   | 26 Joseph DeVito          |
| 3 Chuck Perrone   | 13 Paula Stover     | 22 Maya Gumercendo  | 29 Deacon George Barletta |
| 9 Annette Guarino | 15 William Mattiace | 24 Charthian Miller |                           |



### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

*Applications for 2025 now available  
Contact Chair Lucy Cortese*




The Order of the Sons of 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 January 2025

## Information, Activities and Updates

**Meetings**  
**Mailing Address**  
**Contact**  
**Info-**

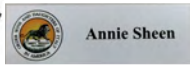


- Council meets 1st Tuesday of the month.
- Lodge meets the 3rd Friday of the month at 6:30pm at *Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church 7860 Southside Blvd, Jacksonville Florida 32256. **Next Meeting January 17, 2025***
- Mail address: Amici D'Italia Lodge 2791 PO Box 8985 Jacksonville, FL 32239-8985
- President: Annette Guarino email [annette57@aol.com](mailto:annette57@aol.com) phone 914-548-7821
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The book club meets periodically at 6:30pm at *Dom Sorrentino's home, 12640 Shoal Creek Lane North, Jacksonville, FL 32225. **Next Meeting to be determined. Will advise of date via email.***  
Book Discussion: The Christmas Train by David Baldacci  
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



Annie Sheen

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.

**Blue Bamboo**  
**Night Out Thursday**  
**January 9, 2025**  
**Annette's Birthday**



### Members and friends celebrating Annette's Birthday at Blue Bamboo.



**Restaurant Social**  
**Thursday January 23,**  
**6pm**  
**Vito's Pizza**



Join us our social night on Thursday January 23, 2025- 6pm  
at Vito's Pizza 1531 Monument Rd. #7 Jacksonville, FL 32225  
(904) 527-3177 web - [Vito's Pizza & Restaurant](http://Vito's Pizza & Restaurant)



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**Amici d'Italia**  
Lodge 2791  
Jacksonville, Florida

GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA  
Order Sons and Daughters of Italy In America



**AMICI D' ITALIA LODGE 2791 HOSTING  
GRAND LODGE TRI ANNUAL MEETING  
Thursday January 30, to Sunday February 2, 2025  
DOUBLETREE RIVERFRONT HOTEL  
1201 Riverplace Blvd Jacksonville, FL 32207**

### SCHEDULE

- Thursday January 30th** - Early Arrival - Attendees, dinner at local restaurant
- Friday January 31st** - Welcome reception with light hors-d'oeuvres and cash bar, in the Amelia Room on the St. John's River at the DoubleTree Hilton from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Hosted by the OSDIA St. Augustine Lodge #2780, Frances Bosi, President."
- Saturday February 1st**, Lunch for the statewide guests in a Hospitality Suite
- Saturday Evening February 1st**, Dinner & Dancing in Ballroom (6pm –10pm)



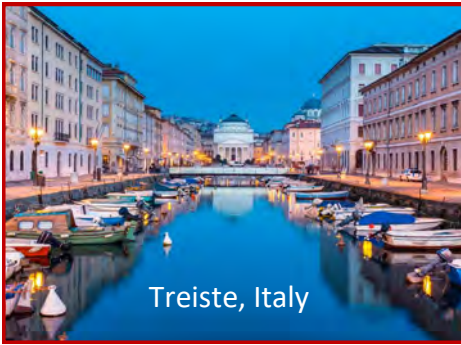


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On December 7th, 100+ members from the Italian American Club and OSDIA enjoyed the Holiday Pops at the Jacksonville Symphony.



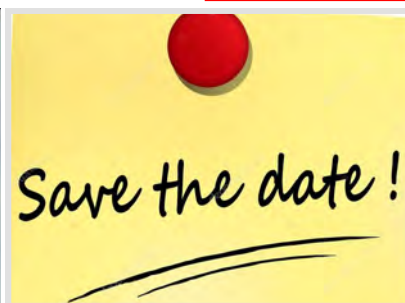


**January/February**  
**2025**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 <b>Council Meeting 6:30pm</b>	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 <b>General Meeting 6:30pm</b>	18
19	20	21	22	23 <b>Restaurant Social 6pm Vito's Pizza</b>	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 February
<b>Grand Lodge Tri-Annual Meeting Jan 30 to</b>						
2 <b>Sunday Feb 2</b>	3	4 <b>Council Meeting 6:30pm</b>	5	6	7	8

*Save the Date*  
1/17/25 - General Meeting 6:30pm  
1/23/25 - Restaurant Social Vito's Pizza 6pm

*Save the Date*  
Grand Lodge Tri-Annual Meeting  
Thursday January 30 - Sunday February 2, 2025



**SATURDAY MATINEE JUNE 21, 2025**  
**Dinner from 12pm to 1:40pm - Performance**

We have booked **seventy-two seats** for this performance. Everyone enjoyed going to Alhambra Theatre for a pleasant time with a Broadway Show, dining, and fellowship.

**Donation \$73.00 per person including tax and gratuity**

**We will start selling tickets at the next general meeting in February**

**Make checks payable to OSDIA**