



# Amici d'Italia

## Lodge 2791 Jacksonville, Florida

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## The Amici Newsletter December 2025

### FROM THE PRESIDENT....

The Thanksgiving Potluck was well attended, many raffle tickets were sold and canned goods and other donations were given to the Shepherd of the Woods Church food bank in thanks for all their kindness to us all year.

Our annual Holiday Party was a big hit with more than a dozen baskets and much generosity on the part of our members and guests in attendance. The Cantiamo Quartet regaled us with Christmas music, the food was delicious and everyone was in a festive mood.

At our January general meeting on January 16, our Nominating Committee will give its report, and nominations will be made for the upcoming Board. You must be present to accept a nomination or accept in advance in writing, or you can be nominated from the floor. In February, more nominations are allowed from the floor, and the Election is held after appointment of Electors. Installation is at our Annual St. Joseph's Dinner in March 2026.

At our January meeting, we will also have a presentation about a potential trip to Toscana with a small group and a well-respected tour group. Please join us for another enjoyable evening!

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.

**Buon  
Compleanno!**



*Join us for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for  
Bob Sussan at San Juan del Rio Catholic  
Church 1718 State Road 13 Switzerland, fl. The  
Date is Saturday February 7th, at the 5:15pm*

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carm Bonetti  
Donald Frati

Jean Maroney  
Marie Meltzer

Geraldine Pinali  
Dominick Sorrentino

Timonhy Wright



*The nativity scene or crèche, called in Italian the presepe or presepio, brings to life the story of the Nativity*



## Information, Activities and Updates

### Meetings

### Mailing Address Contact Information

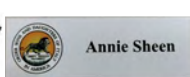


- Council meets 1st Tuesday of the month.
- Lodge meets the 3rd Friday of the month at 6:30pm at Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church 7860 Southside Blvd, Jax Fl. **January 16, 2026 at 6:30pm**
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The book club meets periodically at 6:30pm. Meeting at Toni O'Connor's home 12234 Spiney Ridge Drive South Jacksonville, FL 32225. Next meeting Thursday January 15, 2026 at 6:30pm. Book Discussion: Murder in Chianti by Camilla Trinchieri  
Chair Leader Cheryl Callavini 904-744-1779  
**RSVP to attend** as this is a gated community call or text Toni at 732-272-3910

### 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 applications for next year: Go to web page - [www.osdia.org/scholarships/](http://www.osdia.org/scholarships/)



OSDIA Christmas Party at Hidden Hills Country Club on Sunday, December 7, 2025  
Over 50 gathered — a joyful fundraiser and big success!





# The Amici Newsletter Lodge 2791 December 2025



**General Meeting Thanksgiving**  
**Friday November 21, at 6:30pm**



**I/r Mark Gregorio, New Members, Josephine Kroom, Clara Zepeda, & Barbara Turley, Annette Guarino,, Mo Cooper & Dominic Addeo.**



**Thanksgiving Food Donations for Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church Church.**



## Green Leaf STK LLC

*Systems • Technology • Knowledge*

David Meltzer, CEO & Owner



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### About Us

Green Leaf STK LLC is a Jacksonville-based IT consulting firm founded in July 2024. We deliver innovative technology services that empower businesses to thrive. Our name reflects our core mission: providing practical **Systems**, leveraging **Technology**, and sharing **Knowledge** to help organizations succeed.

### Italian Heritage, American Business

As a proud Italian-American and three-year OSDIA member, David brings the values of his heritage into every client engagement. The Italian tradition of compassion for others drives his commitment to understanding each customer's unique needs. Like the master craftsmen of Italy, David approaches technology as an art form—creating solutions that are beautiful in their simplicity, uniquely tailored, and cost-effective for every client.

### Our Expertise

With extensive experience as an IT Director in the freight and logistics industry, Green Leaf STK brings specialized knowledge that sets us apart. Our services include network infrastructure design and installation, EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) support with McLeod platform expertise, VoIP business phone systems, email security and backup solutions, and ongoing IT support retainers. We've helped logistics companies eliminate manual processes, reduce operational costs, and achieve measurable results through properly configured technology.

### Our Values

**Integrity, Commitment, and Excellence**—these aren't just words on a wall. We find the right size, right fit, and right cost solution for each organization. We believe technology should enhance your business, not complicate it. Our military-inspired organizational approach ensures efficiency and precision in every project we deliver.

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Jacksonville, Florida



The beloved baseball musical ***Damn Yankees*** is Boyd's favorite baseball team isn't winning. He makes a deal with a mysterious man to become young again and help the Yankees win the pennant.

**Saturday Matinee March 14th 2026 at Alhambra Dinner Theatre**

Dinner: 12:00 PM – 1:40 PM Performance: 1:50 PM

We've reserved **48 seats** for this special matinee & sold 23 with **25 Left to sell**

**LAST DATE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS JANUARY 19, 2026**

Join us for an afternoon of Broadway entertainment, delicious dining, and warm fellowship at the beloved Alhambra Dinner Theatre. It's always a crowd favorite — a perfect way to spend time together and enjoy the arts.

**Cost: \$75.00 per person (includes dinner, show, and gratuity)**

**Please click the link to purchase:**

**1 Ticket** \$75 plus \$2 transaction fee = \$77 <https://tinyurl.com/36ct7wz7>

**2 Tickets** \$150 plus \$4 transaction fee = \$154 <https://tinyurl.com/45jbjbjx>

You may also pay by check or credit card at the club.

Make checks payable to: Italian American Club

Contact Sal Santapola if you want to book seats at [saldesanta@gmail.com](mailto:saldesanta@gmail.com)



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*The Three Italian Tenors present an extraordinary program of the most famously beloved Italian Opera Arias and Songs, fusing Italian wit and charm with romanticism, lyricism, dramatic flair and operatic style. This project is the inaugural tour in the United States of this sensational new Italian ensemble.*

TO: Our Members

RE: The Three Italian Tenors – Live at the Florida Theatre

We're thrilled to share that **The Three Italian Tenors** will be performing at the Florida Theatre on **Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 8:00 PM.**

There are three price levels to choose from:

Price Level \$3 \$54 Price Level 2 , \$64, Price Level 1 \$84

Tickets are available online. You can view the seating map and pricing here:

Click to view ticket options <http://floridatheatre.showare.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=1500>

⇒ Special Discount: Use the code **ITALIANAMERICANCLUB**.

⇒ **Step-by-Step Guide to Purchase Tickets**

To make things easier, here's how to buy your tickets:

1. Click "Buy Tickets" on the first page.
2. Check "I'm not a robot" on the second page.
3. On the third page (top right), enter the discount code: **ITALIANAMERICANCLUB**
  - Then select your seats on the same page.
4. On the fourth page, choose how you'd like to receive your tickets — options may include email, will-call, or mobile delivery.
5. Proceed to payment, and you're all set!

☑ Booking early gives you the best seat selection — we hope to see you there!

## Tuscan & Umbrian Countryside featuring Italy's Charming Hill Towns

**11 DAYS - APRIL 3, 2027 TO APRIL 13, 2027**  
**15 Meals - Max Group Size 24**



On a journey through the less-traveled country roads of Umbria and Tuscany, discover another side to the Italy you love. Stroll Assisi's old city, and explore the Umbrian hill town of Spoleto, where the gilded façade of the cathedral rivals with the silvery sheen of the olive trees. Visit Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." In Siena, stand inside one of Tuscany's most ancient piazzas. Admire the famous towers of San Gimignano and hunt for truffles in the Umbrian

countryside. Delight in regional specialties and Italian wine with every dinner. Feel like a local as you discover the marvels of wine, cuisine, culture, and history.



### Highlights

- \*Enjoy 3 nights in a restored Tuscan villa*
- \*Olive Oil Mil \*Home Hosted Lunch \*Pecorino Cheese Farm*
- \*Pasta Factory \* Hunt for truffles \* Home cooked meal*
- \*Brunello Wine Tasting at a winery in Montalcino*
- \*Assisi - Visit the Basilica of St Francis*

- **LAND ONLY COST** - \$3,999 Per Person—With Economy Air \$4,999 Per Person  
Based on Double Occupancy
- **DEPOSIT** - \$698 Per Person - Non-refundable Once Paid
- **TRIP INSURANCE**—\$549 Per Person -  
Must be purchased at time of deposit  
cancel for any reason full refund less cost of Insurance
- **Final Payment Due February 2, 2027**

To book contact **Suzanne Fisher at 904-260-3401 ext. #251**. She need names as they are read on your passports and dates of birth.. Any questions Suzanne will be happy to help.



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suzanne@cruisecenterjax.com



**Patrick Wilkins from Collette and Suzanne Fisher will be at our January 16, 2026 Meeting to present the Land Tour to Tuscany & Umbrian Countryside**



**December/January  
2025/26**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Christmas Luncheon 1pm	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 January New Years	2	3
4	5	6 Council Meeting 6:30pm	7	8	9	10

*Save the Date*

*Salvare La data*

December 24 Christmas Eve  
 December 25 Christmas  
 December 31 New Year's Eve  
 January 1 2026 New Years  
 January 6 2026 Council Meeting 6:30pm  
 January 16 2026 General Meeting 6:30pm - Italy Land Tour Presentation

