



# Amici d'Italia

## Lodge 2791

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## The Amici Newsletter

### June 2025

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT....

Our May General Meeting honored Veterans and Mothers, Daughters, Aunts, Sisters and Godmothers. We also enjoyed a detailed presentation of our new website: ItaliainJax.org. You will be most impressed. Our Social Committee keeps raising the bar: the Lasagna was mouth-watering and all the generous contributed foods and desserts from our members made for a special evening.

Our June meeting will honor our Fathers and Godfathers, Sons, Brothers and Uncles. I will also make a presentation provided by our Supreme (National) Lodge explaining why we exist and why we still matter. Details from the recent Florida Grand Lodge Convention will be shared.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT MEET IN THE MONTH OF JULY AND THERE IS NO COUNCIL MEETING IN THE MONTH OF JULY.** Summer is here and we wish you all days filled with time for relaxation and recharging of your busy lives.

We have surprises in store when we resume in August, including “music bingo” and our annual charitable evenings. Join us, as always, for fellowship within our shared caring community. We have so much of which to be proud.

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.



*Wishing you a Speedy Recovery after your Surgery Get Well Soon*  
*Marilyn Sussan and Jack Cosentino.*  
*We lift up in prayers for Nancy Rongstad and her family for the loss of Buzz Rongstad. Celebration of Life for Buzz Rongstad is Saturday June 14, at 11am at Chets Creek Church 4420 Hodges Blvd. Jax, Fl. 32224*

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Janet Boni  
 Maurice Cooper  
 Carole DeVito  
 Butch Ferrizzi

Marianne Giannott  
 Frank Marano  
 Annie Marie Tucker  
 Edward Wetzel

Natalie Winiewicz  
 Salvatore Yacuzzo  
 Al Zammataro





# The Amici Newsletter Lodge 2791 June 2025

## Information, Activities and Updates

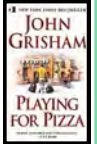
### Meetings Mailing Address Contact Information



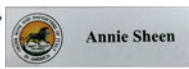
- Council meets 1st Tuesday of the month. **No Council Meeting in July.**
- Lodge meets the 3rd Friday of the month at 6:30pm at Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church 7860 Southside Blvd, Jax Fl. **Next Meeting June 20, 2025. No General Meeting in July.**
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The book club meets periodically at 6:30pm. **Next Meeting is Thursday June 19th.** Meeting at Toni O'Connor's home 12234 Spiney Ridge Drive South Jacksonville, Fl 32225  
Book Discussion: Playing for Pizza, a Novel by John Grisham  
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/)

### 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 Miller's Ale House Thursday June 26, 6pm



Join us for our Social night out for fellowship and fun at Miller's Ale House  
10334 Southside Blvd. Jacksonville, fl 32256 Phone 904 -999-3253  
Webpage [millersalehouse.com](http://millersalehouse.com)

Save the Date

Salvare La data

- June 20 General Meeting 6:30pm
- June 26 Night Out Social 6:00pm Miller's Ale House
- No General Meeting in July**
- July 24 Restaurant Night Out Social 6pm El Cabon 620 Commerce Center Dr., Jax, Fl. 32225 (Regency Mall across from Cracker Barrel)
- October 4 Bocce at IAC - Stay tuned for more information
- December 7 Annual Holiday Brunch at Hidden Hills Golf Club



# The Amici Newsletter Lodge 2791 June 2025



The 33rd Annual BRASS Gala and Concert was Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 6 PM at the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club. This black-tie event is a major fundraiser for the Jacksonville Symphony, featuring an intimate performance by the orchestra, along with a cocktail hour, open bar, dinner, and auction.



On Thursday May 22nd, OSDIA Members enjoyed fellowship and excellent food at Vito's Restaurant on Monument Rd. Vito is from Sicily, Italy and has an outstanding menu with a variety of many pasta dishes. Vito surprised us with Italian Cannoli's for Dessert.



## May 18 Friday, General Meeting - Celebrating Mother's Day Honoring our Fallen Veterans on Memorial Day



It was a nice turnout celebrating Mother's Day and honoring our fallen Veterans . The decorations and the Lasagna was outstanding. Thank you all that participated in making this happen. Below are photos of Giancarlo Zepeda making a presentation on the new webpage which is live for all our members to engage.



☐ **Our New Website is Live!**  
 Visit [www.italiainjax.org](http://www.italiainjax.org) ☐  
 We're excited to announce the official launch of **Amici d'Italia's** brand-new website:  
[www.italiainjax.org!](http://www.italiainjax.org)  
 This site is designed to be a central hub for all things Amici — a place to stay updated on events, browse photos, learn about our history, and stay connected with fellow members.





## 9 DAYS 10 PORTS GREEK ISLES, ATHENS, MYKONOS & CROATIA

### CRUISE ON NORWEIGIAN VIVA - SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 - OCTOBER 5, 2026

Ports start in Istanbul Turkey, Kusadasi Turkey, Mkonos Greece, Athens (Pireaus) Greece, Olympia (Katakolon) Greece, Corfu, Greece, Dubrovnik Croatia, Kotor Montenegro, Split Croatia

Disenbark Ravenna Italy (Venice Italy)

### SPECIAL PRE-BOOK PROMOTION FOR 2 IN A CABIN

**TIMING - April 4, 2025 - May 23, 2025**

#### **\*HOLDING SPACE FOR 16 INSIDE CABINS (IB)**

Cost - \$2,189.67 per person \$4,379.34 for 2  
Plus 2 Perks & \$100 on board credit per cabin

#### **\*HOLDING SPACE FOR 25 BALCONY CABINS (BB)**

Cost \$2,720.27 per person \$5,440.54 for 2  
Plus 4 Perks & \$100 on board credit per cabin

**Studio For One Person \$3,782.62**

**Plus 2 Perks**

**Price Subject to change until booked**

*10% Military Discounts & 5% Teachers discounts can be addressed/added as club members book*

**All Price quoted above includes, cruise, port charges and taxes.**

**DEPOSIT \$125 PER PERSON DUE ON / BEFORE MAY 23, 2025 (AFTER THIS DATE PRICING/AVILABILITY SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**Perks are: Package A** - Unlimited Open Bar, Specialty Dining for Balcony 4 dinners, Inside Cabin Dinning 2 dinners, \$50 Shore Excursion Discount 1 tour per port passenger 1 in cabin & 150 minutes of Wifi per person

**Package B** \$50 Shore Excursion Credit 1 tour per port, 150 minutes of Wifi per person, 10 photo package for the cabin plus \$100 shipboard credit for the cabin

***NOTE - All other expenses are additional: Airfare, Transfers, pre/post hotels, Trip insurance, Beverage Gratuity, Dining Gratuity and prepaid Gratuities for the crew onboard.***

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE ON OR BEFORE MAY 15, 2026**

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. Make sure you let Suzanne know if you have an NCL latitudes number and if you sailed with NCL previously. **The cabins must have 2 people to get that price.** Any questions Suzanne will be happy to help.



11571 San Jose Blvd., Unit 2 Jacksonville, FL 32223

Contact Suzanne @ 904-260-3401 ext #251 Hours: M-F 9am - 5pm





ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH • MESE DELLA CULTURA ITALIANA

48<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 1976-2024

# GIOVANNI DA VERRAZZANO 1524-2024 | 500 YEARS



IN 1524, VERRAZZANO WAS THE FIRST EUROPEAN TO SAIL INTO NEW YORK HARBOR AND THE COAST OF NORTH AMERICA



**June/July**  
**2025**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Council Meeting 6:30pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19 Book Club Meeting 6:30pm	20 General Meeting 6:30pm	21
22	23	24	25	26 Night Out Social 6pm Miller's Ale House	27	28
29	30	1 July	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

**BUONA FESTA  
DEL PAPÀ!**

[ Happy Father's Day! ]