



## Verdi Voice

March 2026 edition

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

It is with a deep sense of pride and humility that I write to you as the newly elected President of Giuseppe Verdi Lodge 315. First and foremost, I want to thank you for placing your trust in me. Following in the footsteps of the dedicated leaders who came before me is a responsibility I do not take lightly.

As Italian-Americans, we understand that "family" extends beyond the walls of our homes. This lodge is our shared home—a place where our traditions are kept alive, our history is celebrated, and our future is forged through service and fellowship.

**Looking Ahead** In the coming months, my primary goal is to familiarize myself with our processes and procedures and determine what efforts best support our cause moving forward in particular, growing our membership. I believe that by blending the wisdom of our long-standing members with the energy of new faces, we can ensure our lodge remains a vibrant pillar of our community.

### **Our Immediate Focus:**

- **Heritage & Culture:** I'd like to see more attendance at our lodge sponsored events that remind us why we are so proud of our roots.
- **Community Impact:** We will continue our commitment to charitable efforts we proudly partake in (Cooley's Anemia Foundation/Alzheimer's research).
- **Engagement:** I want to hear from *you*. What would you like to see more of around the lodge? How can we better serve our members?

Our motto—*Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity*—is more than just words on a banner; it is the blueprint for how we will move forward together. I invite each of you to join me at my first meeting in April as we begin this exciting new chapter.

Thank you again for this honor. *Sempre Avanti* (Always Forward)!

Fraternally yours,

**John Howarth**

President,

Giuseppe Verdi Lodge 315

**From the Editor: Mary Louise**

Do you ever think a Blessing comes in disguise? Well, it seems like it did the end of January and the first few weeks in February with a Winter Storm, at least for me. I am not much for watching the Olympics, but when I realized they were taking place in Milano/Cortina, Italy! Our Heritage country. I do enjoy the Winter Events more than Summer, I thought, Good Timing! Enough football, PD Live, Dateline, Main Cabin Masters and Wheel of Fortune!

I loved watching curling, Bocce on Ice as far as I am concerned. The Luge along with Bobsleighbing a couple of my favorites. Along with some of the skiing. Arthur enjoyed events that were not judged. And yes, if the USA teams didn't win or were not competing, I was rooting for Italy! How could I not! Athletes, from USA and Italy fared well.

USA won 33 medals: (12 Gold, 12 Silver, 9 Bronze)- WAY TO GO, USA!

ITALY won 30 medals: (10 Gold, 6 Silver, 14 Bronze) Bravo!!

A?

B?

C?



**Who's Who???**

Italian Composers with Italian actress Matilda DeAngelis. Which Number goes with Letter above?

1. Giuseppe Verdi,
2. Gioachino Rossini
3. Giacomo Puccini

### **Team USA vs Team Italy by Jay DeLuca**

Jay is one of our newest members. He was so kind to submit an article for our newsletter. Be sure to introduce yourself to him at the March meeting.

#### **Italy Competes in the World Baseball Classic**

The World Baseball Classic (WBC) returns this March, running March 4–17. Held every four years, the tournament brings together the top baseball nations in the world to compete for international supremacy. With rosters filled with Major League Baseball stars, the WBC stands as one of the premier international sporting events in the game.

This year, Team USA and Team Italy will compete in the same pool (Pool B), meaning they will face one another during the opening round of play in Houston, Texas. Pool play determines which teams advance to the quarterfinals, so every game carries significant importance.

Team USA traditionally features many of baseball's biggest names, while Team Italy proudly showcases a blend of Italian-born and Italian-Americans representing the Azzurri on the world stage. Italy continues to be one of Europe's strongest baseball nations and has advanced to the quarterfinal round in recent tournaments.

#### **Pool B Schedule (Houston) *All Times Eastern***

- Friday, March 6 — 8:00 PM ET  
USA vs. Brazil
- Saturday, March 7 — 3:00 PM ET  
Italy vs. Brazil
- Sunday, March 8 — 3:00 PM ET  
Italy vs. Great Britain
- Sunday, March 8 — 8:00 PM ET  
Mexico vs. USA
- Tuesday, March 10 — 8:00 PM ET  
Italy vs. USA
- Wednesday, March 11 — 3:00 PM ET  
Italy vs. Mexico

When Italy and the United States meet on March 10, lodge members may find themselves in a friendly dilemma: who do you root for when both flags mean so much? Do you cheer for the Stars and Stripes, the Azzurri... or quietly wish for a tie? One thing is certain: it will be a proud night for Italian-American baseball fans everywhere.

Forza Italia... and play ball

## SHORT ITALIAN PHRASES

Come stai oggi?  
Molto bene, Grazie.

Mi Scusi!

Puoi ripetere per favore

How are you today?

Very well, thanks

Excuse me!

Can you repeat please.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 8, 2026**

If your clock says 1:00 MOVE it to 2:00



### LODGE INFORMATION:

Winners of the Superbowl pool were:

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS:

SEAHAWKS		PATRIOTS
1ST-	3	0
2ND-	9	0
3RD-	12	0
END OF GAME	29	13

1st QUARTER-\$100- The Mastroianni's

2ndQUARTER- 100- Freddy C

3rdQUARTER- \$100-Gordon Grappone

END OF GAME-\$200- Lucie Martucci

Thank you to all who participated in playing.

**Rosetta's Luncheon-** March 19 NOON- Kitchen 33, 13155 Mountain Rd., Glen Allen, Va. 23059

**NEXT MEETING-** SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026 (Easter is the first Sunday)



**Rosetta "Little Rose"-While beautiful, have thorns and are often symbols of strength in adversity!  
Our February luncheon took place on Tuesday, Feb.17th at Twin Hickory Tavern in Glen Allen, Va.!  
Calling ALL ladies to come join us in the upcoming months.**

#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Frances Aloï-3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chad Hall
Joe Aprile-25 <sup>th</sup>	Dena Legnaioli-22 <sup>nd</sup>
Joe Betzala-4 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Mastroianni-20 <sup>th</sup>
Chris Coursey-12 <sup>th</sup>	Anita Sykes-25 <sup>th</sup>

#### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

*Mike Bonelli (Joann)-12<sup>th</sup>  
Angie Wilderman- (Bob)-13<sup>th</sup>*

# 2026 WINTER OLYMPICS MILANO-CORTINA ITALY

