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MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2026

Happy Birthday

Stan Balducci-19th
Mona Banos-27th
Chip Cipolletti-21st
Matthew Palmisano-26th
Terri Wyatt-20th

Stephen Balducci-19th
Pete Booker-2nd
Joe McGowan-6th
Arthur Smith-14th
Frank Zera-14th

Happy Anniversary

Jackie Lazzuri (Caesar)-14th

!! HAPPY NEW YEAR !!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Mary Louise Smith

Another year gone, a new one beginning! I believe, Verdi Lodge has had a great year.

Along with busy lives, we had a good number in attendance at our monthly meetings. Many lodge members took time to enjoy lodge events throughout the year. A recap of the events were;

A Murder Myster Dinner, A Day at the Races, The Grand Lodge Convention, A Slide Presentation of the Titanic, A visit from Rachel Lawson, a representative from the Alzheimer's Association, our Patriotic Picnic, An Evening in Sorrento dinner, our Va. Diner Peanut fundraiser, our Stew Master Smith's famous Brunswick Stew fundraiser, and our annual Christmas luncheon with Raffle Baskets and Christmas Songs Bingo!

I want to thank all our members who participated in and supported these events.

We also brought in 12 people members to Verdi Lodge.

Also, let us not forget the Verdi members (OSDIA & GVL Honorary) who will not be with us in 2026 but watching over us with our other "Angels Among Us" up above. They will certainly be missed. **Mary Lou Etgen, Sergio Gigante, Louis Crescioli, Betty Rowe and Beatrice (Bea) Sykes.**

Upcoming Events:

February 8- SUPERBOWL

We are going to try and do a Pool for the Superbowl this year **\$10(Square)** Fill in your "Square" at the January & February meetings. Names of Teams and Numbers will be listed prior to the game and emailed to those playing. More information at the January meeting.

Februar 21, 2026-

WHAT: Murder Mystery Luncheon - "Who Killed Marcello"
WHERE: Verdi Lodge, 7342 Verdi Lane, Mechanicsville, Va.
TIME: 1:00p.m.-3:30p.m
COST: \$40. Per person- Show & Luncheon

LODGE INFO:

GVL's Slate of Officers for 2026-2027:

COUNCIL

President	John Howarth
Vice President	Andrew Biondi
Orator	Daniel Martucci
Recording Secretary	Norma Marrin
Financial Secretary	Arthur Smith
Treasurer	Jeannie Whiteside
Guard	Joe Betzala
Mistress of Ceremony	Lucie Martucci & Mary Louise Smith

Trustees:

Mike Bonelli	Mike Matassa
Maryann DeVincentis	Dexter Oliver
Aldo Funai	Anne Marie Vaughan

Board of Directors: -Chair will be decided by Board at their first meeting.

Andrew Biondi	Joe McGowan
Mike Bonelli	Daniel Martucci
Freddy Corritonne	Joann Miles
Aldo Funai	Arthur Smith
Tony Grappone	Mary Louise Smith
Joe McGowan	David Whiteside

In conjunction with the above, if anyone has second thoughts to holding a position since being asked, you may "respectfully decline" at the January meeting. Also, at this meeting, we will accept "Nominations from the Floor" for any position.

ANNUAL DUES- Arthur Smith (GVL Financial Secretary)

A reminder that 2026 dues are to be paid by January 1st each year. However, to accommodate some members I will be accepting dues at our January 11, 2026, meeting.

Dues are \$40.00. To be eligible to hold an office or to vote in the election, you must be in "good standing." Meaning dues MUST be paid prior to the election.

Dues collected at the meeting can be paid by Cash, Check or Money Order.

Dues by check or money order can be mailed to:

GVL Financial Secretary
4460 Crown Hill Road
Mechanicsville, Va. 23111-4957

2026 CHEFS

January 11th- Lucie Martucci and Cindy Sinanian

February 1st- Grappone's and group

March 1st- Pecci-Etgen-Gragnani

April 12th- Gay's, Massino's & Bonelli's

May 3rd- Bondi & Whiteside

June 7th- OPEN

July 12th- Picnic??

August 2nd- OPEN

September 13th- Coughi's & Hudert

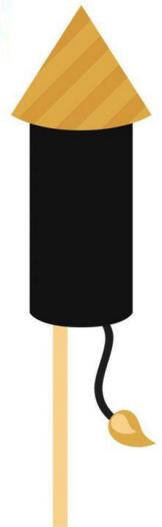
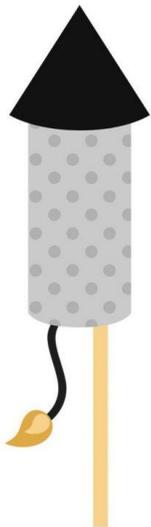
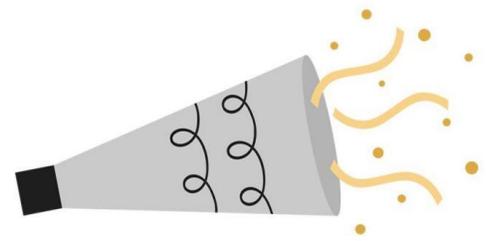
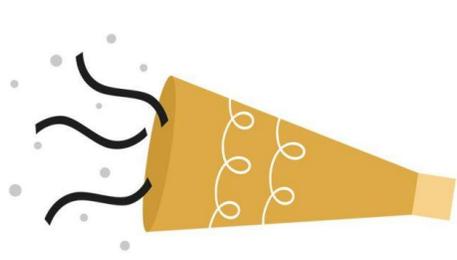
October 4th- Aaron Smith, family and friends

Nov 1st.- OPEN

Dec 6th- OPEN

If you are willing to be Chef and form a team for one of the OPEN months, please let Mary Louise know as soon as possible. If you would like to take on a month but not sure what to do ASK!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Countdown
 Confetti
 Midnight
 Balloons

Celebration
 Fireworks
 January
 Happy



New Year
 Clock
 Cheers
 Goals

Party Poppers
 Noisemaker
 Resolution
 Sparklers

