
VERDI VOICE

Giuseppe Verdi Lodge #315

President's Message



I certainly hope you all are staying cool and dehydrated. This weather is certainly on the warm side. Just a few words this month.

On a happy note, welcome to our newest members Linda Gay and Cynthia (Cindy) Sinanian and Tom Intorcio.

I know some members do not read or get emails but on a sad note one of Verdi's members passed away in June, Mary Lou Etgen and even though only a member for a few years, her love and dedication for her heritage and Verdi lodge was amazing. Even when she had to re-locate from Bayse, Va to Maryland, it was only with the understanding that her family would bring her to the lodge every month. Mary Lou will certainly be missed but her Spirit will be with the other "Angels Among Us".

Hope to see you all at the Independence Day picnic. I suspect we will be eating inside AGAIN this year. Freddy will share some music with us.

God Bless,
Mary Louise



Buon Compleanno

Cindy Alpaugh
 Aldo Funai
 Bob Giovenco
 John Howarth
 Virginia Hudert
 Andrew Lucchetti
 Joann Moroni
 Vince Russo
 Michael Spinelli
 Anne Marie Vaughan
 Julie Ward
 Kim Wright
 Barbara Wyatt

Happy Anniversary

Ed & Julia Gigante
 Joe & Kathy Massino
 Michael & Abigail Puccinelli

Upcoming Meetings

July 13
 August 3rd
 September 7th
 October 5th
 November 2nd
 December 7th

Lodge Information

AUGUST 16- A Sunset Dinner in Sorrento
 accompanied with music by Freddy C.

5:00p.m-8:00p.m. / \$35.00 pp

Need a minimum of 40 folks

OCTOBER 18 - Murder Mystery Luncheon

[More information to come]

Linwood Sykes, Jr Grand Lodge Scholarship-

Anyone wishing to donate to this scholarship in honor
 of Junny, please speak with Arthur.

Fourth of July
WORD SCRAMBLE

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FGLA	_____
NPCCII	_____
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RASTS	_____



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Heritage

Giuseppe Verdi

Submitted by Amber Ward

In my music class during school this year, we learned about the famous Italian singer, Giuseppe Verdi. He was born in Le Roncole in 1833, and was know for his many operas.

Verdi was married to Giuseppina Strepponi and hand a daughter and a son. Tragically, they all passed away within two years and left Verdi along to fall into a musical slump. Months later, he returned to work and began writing operas that supported Italian Independence.

Even though Verdi wasn't extremely political, he stood as a symbol for Italian citizens as Italy was under Austrian control. Verdi's operas were categorized as either Opera Sena (Serious) or Opera Buffa (comedic). His most famous opera, Nabucco, became an Italian patriotic song that is still sung today.

Overall, Giuseppe Verdi wrote 28 operas in his career, many of which symbolizing Italy's glory. Verdi passed away in 1901 at 87 years old.

Amber attends King William High School and is the daughter of Verdi's member, Julie Ward and has attended many meeting/lunches at the lodge.