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# VERDI VOICE

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Giuseppe Verdi Lodge #315

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## President's Message



I purposely did not submit an article last month regarding the Grand Lodge of Virginia's convention held April 24-26 as I first wanted to share "good news" at our May meeting regarding the State Awards and Scholarships awarded.

Verdi had representation of 10 delegates along with Aldo as State President, myself as Local Lodge President, Kathy Drummond, Foundation Chairperson and Betty McGowan, Grand Lodge Trustee. I was proud that some of our members gave up time from their everyday work responsibilities to attend for the first time, along with some that have attended in the past. With a few hiccups we all enjoyed a good time. (I think!!!)

Verdi Lodge had a few proud moments at the convention.

We came in Second Place in the Merit Awards. This award is based on points accumulated for six different categories. Membership growth, timely per capita payment, attendance at Council meetings, State newsletter articles, scholarships contributions and charity contributions.

Also, each lodge is eligible for members to receive a State Award which along with a rating sheet is based on what they have done for their lodge within the two years above and beyond attending Verdi was allowed three State Awards. GVL members who received these awards for their continued dedication and hard work in many different capacities were; Mike Bonelli, Anne Marie Vaughan, and Virginia Lee Bowe. Please be sure to congratulate these members next time you see them.

Two scholarships were awarded to our lodge member's family. Talyn Arcane (Virginia Hudert's grandson) who will attend Brightpoint Community College and Ashleigh Alpaugh (Cindy Alpaugh's daughter and granddaughter of Anne Marie Vaughan), who will be attending Longwood College. Talyn and Ashleigh will be recognized at our July picnic.

A highlight at the convention!! Kathy Drummond made a motion to start a Scholarship in the name of our dear friend and dedicated member Linwood Sykes, Jr. who served as GVL President, Grand Lodge President and also member on the Grand Lodge Foundation Committee. This motion was second and unanimously approved by all present at the convention. A proud and emotional surprise for all GVL members and Grand Lodge members.

And last but not least, our own Aldo Funai will remain State President for a second term. This will be his last term as State President. Let's support him in taking a more active part in keeping our Italian Heritage alive within our community and State.

### Buon Compleanno

Jack Boles  
Chris Legnaioli  
Lucie Martucci  
Jimmy Mason  
Joe Massino  
Julie McGurl  
Dexter Oliver  
Cathy Pecci  
Diana Pecci  
Scott Wyatt

### Happy Anniversary

Joseph & Mary Betzala  
Aldo & Carolyn Funai, Jr.  
Andrew & Jamie Lucchetti  
Pete & Angela Poli

### Upcoming Meetings

June 1st  
July 13  
August 3rd  
September 7th  
October 5th  
November 2nd  
December 7th

## Dates to Remember

**JUNE 29**- Bowling at Bowlero in Mechanicsville.

3:00p.m / \$9.00 per game, \$6.00 shoe rental

Those interested text Lucie (804) 814-9287

OR just show up.

**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*

If anyone has any ideas for fundraisers to keep our dues and meal costs down, please contact Lucie Martucci.

## Flag Day Trivia

True or False:

1. In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14?
2. Flag Day is an official federal holiday?
3. The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army birthday on the same day as Flag Day?
4. The flag should not be displayed on all government buildings?





**Leadership**

**Officers 2025 - 2026**

- President: Mary Louise Smith
- Vice President: Jerry Scaglione
- Recording Secretary: Norma Marrin
- Financial Secretary: Arthur Smith
- Treasurer: Jean Whiteside
- Orator: Daniel Martucci
- Mistresses of Ceremony: Lucie Martucci & Bea Sykes
- Guard: Joseph Betzala

**Board of Trustees**

- Mike Bonelli (Chair)
- MaryAnn DeVincentis
- Mike Matassa
- Dexter Oliver
- Anne Marie Vaughan

**Board of Directors**

- David Whiteside (Chair)
- Andrew Biondi (Vice-Chair)
- Mike Bonelli
- Freddy Corritone
- Aldo Funai
- Jay Gragnani
- Tony Grappone
- John Howarth
- Joe McGowan
- JoAnn Miles
- Pete Poli
- Arthur Smith

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
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| AMERICA  | PARADE    |
| BRAVE    | PATRIOTIC |
| CEREMONY | REMEMBER  |
| FLAG     | SALUTE    |
| FREEDOM  | SERVICE   |
| HEROES   | SOLDIERS  |
| HONOR    | STARS     |
| MEMORIAL | TROOPS    |

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