



Verdi Voice September 2026 edition

Welcome new member, Sandy Lucas!!
It is great to have you join your
Heritage organization.



LODGE EVENTS:

PEANUT FUNDRAISER- August 2- October 4- It has been asked by some members to continue this fundraiser. We have had remarkable success with it in the past and it was possible because of all our members. Prices are the same as last year. They are as low as \$13 per can, but who can buy just one can of PEANUTS!! We have 113 members. If each buy at least one can, our lodge can profit \$700+. Get out your pen and paper, make your list today and don't forget to ask your neighbors and family members, or buy a can for them.

Also, if you purchase 3+ cans your name will go in a drawing for a gift card.

Brochures were given out at the August meeting, Payment must be submitted with order, details will be attached to the brochures. If you will not be at the August meeting, you can pick up a brochure at September's meeting.

If you were not at the August meeting and not planning to be at the September meeting, please let me know so I can email you the brochures. We are counting on support from all members. Thanks, Mary Louise



Happy birthday/anniversary to Giuseppe Verdi members

September Anniversaries

Joe & Vicki Aprile—6th
Maria & Pete Booker-29th
John & Trudy Cuoghi-3rd
Anne Marie Massie-4th
Mary & Carl Mastroianni-27th
Lin & Anita Sykes-6th
Julie Ward-16th

September Birthdays

Virginia Bowe-14 th	Sandra Collins-29 th
Sydney Coursey-24 th	Lena Donnini-1 st
Maria Donnini-28 th	Kathy Drummond-3 rd
Mary Kathryn Duffer-28 th	Ted Figher-12 th
Tia Krischner-26 th	Jackie Lazzuri-4 th
Norma Marrin-6 th	Carl Mastroianni-29 th
Mike Matassa-19 th	Rebecca Reynolds-12 th
Mary Louise Smith-12 th	Barbara Thomas-6 th
Amber Ward-6 th	

Board of Directors Committee:

Remaining Grass/Trimming teams
Sept/Oct-The whole committee

Chefs for remainder of year

Sept- Cuoghi's & Hudert
Oct- Aaron Smith/Family/Friends
Nov. Grappone's & Friends
Dec. TBD

FOR ANYONE INTERESTED:

You still have a few days left to attend.

William and Mary is hosting an exhibit titled "**America's Tapestry: 13 Colonies. 13 Stories. 1 Nation.**" From June 19, 2026 thru September 6, 2026. This exhibit will be traveling across the country to celebrate America's 250th birthday. A write up from the exhibit flyer is provided below:



How well do you know your American History?

America's 250th anniversary marks what historic milestone?

- a) George Washington's 250th birthday**
- b) The official end of the American Revolution 250 years ago**
- c) The 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence**
- d) The official end of the Civil War 250 years ago**

What term applies to the colonists who supported independence from British rule?

- a) Patriots**
- b) Loyalists**
- c) Redcoats**
- d) Defectors**

How many people signed the Declaration of Independence?

- a) Six**
- b) Sixteen**
- c) Fifty-six**
- d) One hundred six**

By coincidence, which two Founding Fathers died on the same day on the 50th Anniversary of the Declaration?

- a) George Washington and Thomas Jefferson**
- b) Thomas Jefferson and John Hancock**
- c) John Adams and James Wilson**
- d) Thomas Jefferson and John Adams**

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR HERITAGE



Do you know the name of this region in Italy?

It is Lazio. Hosting Rome and Vatican City, Lazio is the central western region of Italy with rich history and culture.

The **Region of Lazio** is home to **Rome, the Eternal City**, one of the most historically significant places in the world. With **over two thousand years of history**, Rome alone offers enough to keep visitors occupied for weeks. However, beyond the capital, Lazio has **ancient ruins, picturesque lakes, medieval towns, and stunning coastal retreats** that remain **less explored yet equally fascinating**.

Whether you're drawn to **Rome's imperial grandeur, the Etruscan mysteries of northern Lazio, the peaceful countryside, or the sparkling Mediterranean coastline**.

Places to visit and things to do in Lazio.

Top Attractions in Rome

- **Colosseum & Roman Forum** – Step back in time to the **glory of the Roman Empire**.
- **Vatican City** – Visit **St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, and the Sistine Chapel**.
- **Pantheon** – A **2,000-year-old temple** with an impressive domed ceiling.
- **Trevi Fountain** – Toss a coin and **wish to return to Rome**.
- **Piazza Navona & Campo de' Fiori** – Experience **Rome's vibrant street life**.

You can find more info on the Region of Lazio at www.italiamia.com/travel/regions/region-of-lazio/



The Pantheon

Answers to American History: (1-c, 2-a, 3c, 4d)