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Madonna and Child with the Donor, Pietro de' Lardi, Presented by Saint Nicholas. 1420–30

Master G.Z. (possibly Michele dai Carri, Italian, Ferrara, active by 1405–died 1441 Ferrara) Italian

On view at The Met Fifth Avenue in ;Gallery 624

The figures of this imposing masterpiece have an almost sculptural description derived from the artist's study of the work of the sculptor Jacopo della Quercia. The sky, which now appears almost black, would originally have been lighter in color. Pietro de' Lardi, who commissioned this important work, became deputy general to Borso d'Este, duke of Ferrara, in 1452. According to the long inscription, it was painted sometime between 1400 and 1431, when Pietro Boiardi was bishop of Ferrara. A succession of rulers of the Este family made Ferrara a center of culture and art. <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection>



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UPCOMING EVENTS**Sausage Sale Pickup - Sat. Dec. 9th, 10am – 1pm****Meat cutting Thurs. Dec. 7th, 8am - 4pm****Membership Meeting Mon. Dec. 11th, 7:30 pm**

Italian Cookie Exchange after meeting. Bring a dozen, we will enjoy some and take a plate home.

Epiphany Celebration

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Please RSVP by Wednesday, Jan. 3rd

No January Membership Meeting**November 2023 Membership Meeting Report**

The General Membership Meeting held on November 13, 2023 was called to order by President Terry Bolamperti and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with veterans Lou Buda and Nick Philips as flag-bearers. They were the oldest and the youngest veterans present at the meeting that night. This was special since Veterans Day (11/11) was just two days ago. There were 22 members in attendance. A moment of silent prayer was observed for members that are ill and special prayers were offered for veterans who have died in the service of our country.

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Jeff Ladwig and was approved by the membership. Old Business was discussed including the successful fall Pasta Dinner held on November 5th. We had a good crowd on a beautiful day. There were many compliments on the food. We had a wonderful group of volunteers that ran the entire fundraiser efficiently. I want to thank everyone that helped in any way to make the event a success. The successful Festa Report was given but it is not finalized since there is still some ticket money out and some late bills still coming in for payment.

New Business. The Sausage Fundraiser was discussed which will be held December 9th. Volunteers will be needed to help with meat cutting on December 7th and the week before for preparation of peppers and cracked olives. If anyone could help they were asked to call Beth, the AIHS secretary. The Board elections were not held this year at the November meeting since the Nominating Committee was unable to find qualified members willing to run this year. The Board will eventually appoint one or two members to the Board. Thanks to the current Board members for offering their time and service to the Society.

The Italian Cookie Exchange will take place at the December 11th membership meeting. All attending were encouraged to bring enough homemade Italian cookies to share with others.

Members were reminded of the Epiphany Celebration which will be held on Sunday January 7, 2024, with food, drinks, Santa, and the Befana. It was also announced that the Society is planning on having a Wine Tasting Experience in late January. There is a lot of details to workout with more information later.

The meeting was adjourned and the Piece of the Pie winners were Terry Bolamperti and Carmen Grosse. Several others were drawn for several other prizes. Members enjoyed meatball subs prepared and served by Larry Belfiore. All members are welcome to attend the next meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:30 P.M. at the Palazzo.

Submitted by President Terry Bolamperti

2023 AIHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**Chairman of the Board:** Toni Bac**President:** Dr. Terry Bolamperti**Vice President:** Joe Garrett**Treasurer:** Jeff Ladwig**Secretary:** Courtney Dice**Board Member:** Sal Belfiore**Board Member:** April Belfiore**Board Member:** Nick Bolamperti**Board Member:** Courtney Dice



Sausage Sale Fundraiser

Saturday, December 9th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sausage \$33 / 5 pounds Peppers: \$15 / quart Olives: \$15 / quart

Spaghetti Sauce \$9 /quart Frozen Meatballs \$25 / bag of 25

Italian Salad Dressing 16 oz for \$4.50

Fresh Rotella Sausage Buns will also be for sale on a limited basis.

We still need help cutting meat and packaging.

Thursday, Dec. 7th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 9th from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The deadline to **order** our Society's fresh Italian Sausage is Wednesday, December 6th for pick up on Saturday, December 9th at il Palazzo.

To place an order email Secretary@omahaitaly.com or call Beth at the office at (402) 493-8888 x 1. Thank you!



Epiphany Celebration

Sunday, January 7th 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Pasta & Meatball (or Sausage) Dinner served at 1:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be available

The Epiphany is one the best family events we hold! It's a true ethnic event and part of our Italian culture. The Befana and Santa will be visiting and giving bags of treats to children under age 12.

Complimentary dinner for Paid Members, Guests Welcome with recommended \$10 donation. Additional member donations appreciated.

Reservations are necessary so all children get a giftbag. Please indicate the number of adults and children under age 12.

Please email Secretary@Omahaitaly.com or call **402-493-8888 x1** to make your reservations.

We hope to see you there!



Almond Pizzelles

3 eggs
1 3/4 cups flour
1 tablespoon almond extract
1/2 cup butter or margarine

1 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 cup sugar
1 cup finely chopped almonds
powdered sugar

Beat eggs and sugar. Add cooled melted butter or margarine and almond extract. Sift flour and baking powder and add to egg mixture. Add finely chopped almonds. Batter will be stiff enough to be dropped by spoon. Plug in the pizzelle iron and once the indicator light is turned off, the pizzelle iron is ready to go. Drop one heaping teaspoon of batter in the center of each grid pattern. Baking will take approximately 30 seconds per pizzelle. Pizzelle irons will vary. Remove pizzelles from the grid with a butter knife. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

At the AIHS Membership Meeting on Monday, December 11th, at 7:30 pm there will be an Italian cookie exchange after the meeting. So please bring your favorite Italian cookies to share with other members!



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FALL PASTA DINNER

Our Fall Pasta and Meatball Dinner was held on Sunday, November 5, 2023. It was a very successful event and over 675 dinners were served. We want to thank all the members who sold tickets and attended the dinner. In addition we'd like to thank all the non-members, friends and neighbors who attended. All your support is truly appreciated.

The food was delicious and enjoyed by all who attended. As usual we received many positive compliments on the food from the guests that attended. We want to thank all those volunteers that helped in the days and weeks before the dinner, including the crews who cooked the sauce, the crews that made the meatball mixture and those that rolled, baked and bagged the meatballs, those that made the salad dressing and also the crews that precooked the pasta and helped set up the tables in the ballroom. Sincere thanks also goes out to the volunteers helping the day of the event including the kitchen crew, the salad crew and all those that helped on the serving line, the take-out area, the bake sale and the bartenders. Thanks to those that helped run the front desk with ticket sales and selling the specialty food products. A very special thanks goes out to all those who helped with clearing tables and those very few who stayed late with banquet hall and kitchen clean-up.

It takes many, many volunteers to put on this event and we want to thank each and every one of you who helped in any way. The success of this Pasta Dinner is due to our wonderful, dedicated and hard working volunteers. We can't thank you enough for all the service you offer to the Society throughout the years.

Many thanks once again to member Lou Rotella of Rotella's Italian Bakery for his generosity in donating the bread for the dinner. His continued support is sincerely appreciated. Mille Grazie!

Submitted by President Terry Bolamperti





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PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members who are ill, including Ted Bolamperti, George Grillo, Cookie Mascarello-Ladwig, Geno Crisafulli, Joe Daniels, Maria Leo, Sebastian Youde, Margo Pirruccello, Kim Rodino, Deacon Steve Grandinetti, Ann Marie Falco-Marr, Judge Joe Troia, Tara & Tim Virgilito, Cecilia Bellinghiere, Larry Bonacci, John Portera, Richard Bolamperti and Sam Marasco.

WELCOME NEW AIHS MEMBERS

We are very excited to welcome our newest members to our society. Please greet and introduce yourself to these new members at our next event; Jerry Boukal, Maria Cristina & Dustin Weeter, and Chris & Sarah Richardson.

FESTA TICKETS AND MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please promptly return Festa tickets/money and mail membership dues as soon as possible to:

AIHS, 5110 N. 132nd Street Omaha, NE. 68164

Contact the Office to drop off Festa Ticket money or to renew your membership over the phone.

PLEASE CONSIDER ADVERTISING WITH US

We are looking for additional businesses to advertise in our monthly newsletter. If you have a business or know of one that would like to advertise in our newsletter, we encourage you to call the office at 402-493-8888 x 1 or email secretary@omahaitaly.com.

AIHS COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

Our original cookbook "A Taste of Italy" is still available for sale for \$25.00 tax included. There are many great authentic, family recipes and Society specialties.

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Dear Terry Bolamperti– You are dear. Thank you for sending me the 4 Festa tickets. Your note brought back a great memory regarding my Dad. He was on the "let's cut the meat" team. He so enjoyed his time with others. I think he was 98 and someone called to see if you would help cut meat. He was delighted– he felt great that the guys didn't think he was too old to do this.

Thank you, Thank you!

Sr. Marie Micheletto

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CONDOLENCES

We are sad to announce the passing of Madeline Bertino Harris. Madeline and her late husband Jim were charter members joining the society in 1980. Madeline and her family grew up in St. Ann’s Parish and were volunteers for over 30 years. We appreciate all their service and volunteer hours they contributed to the society over the years. Madeline also served as President of the Northern Italian Women’s Club for many, many years. Please keep Madeline and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

We lost another long time member, John Stella. He joined the society in the mid 80’s and worked many Festas at the Fruit & Vegetable stand with his buddies from St. Ann’s neighborhood. John also coached baseball at St. Ann’s and South High School. There is a baseball field in South Omaha named John Stella Field at Brown Park.

More details to follow.



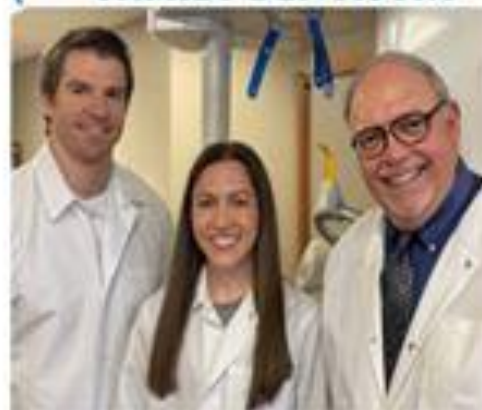
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