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# The News

THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

A Nonprofit Corporation; Omaha, NE



**Join us for the Finest Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner in Omaha**

**Sunday, March 31 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Tickets: Adults \$9 Children \$4.50

Please sell tickets to family and friends  
Meal includes Italian salad, bread & butter

**\*\*Members please bring desserts or pastries for our Bake Sale\*\***  
Tickets will be mailed to members soon.

## **The Mission Statement of the American Italian Heritage Society**

The fundamental purpose of the American Italian Heritage Society is to encourage, promote and preserve Italian culture and heritage with its activities centered upon Italian traditions, foods, language, culture, history, religion, folklore, customs, celebrations, music and family genealogy. Your president and board of directors are dedicated to this mission but we need your moral and financial support to be successful.

The News is a monthly publication of the American Italian Heritage Society, an independent, nonprofit organization, legally incorporated in Nebraska. The deadline for submissions is the second Wednesday of the month. Correspondence and articles can be sent to [secretary@omahaitaly.com](mailto:secretary@omahaitaly.com).



## THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

**UPCOMING EVENTS****Winter Bocce Ball**

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**Carnevale at Pasta Amore**

Tuesday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m.

**March Membership Meeting**

Monday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph's Day Celebration**

Sunday, March 17 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**AIHS Spaghetti Dinner**

Sunday, March 31 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Sausage Sale**

Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Wine Tasting**

Saturday, May 4

**FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

The membership meeting was held on February 11, 2019 and called to order by President Terry Bolamperti with 10 members in attendance. It was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The lower number attending was due to a heavy snowstorm that caused cancellations of many events in the city that night.

The December meeting minutes were read and approved. The Treasury Report was given and approved. Old Business was discussed including The Epiphany and the Lou Buda / Dan Polley award winners, Barbara and Larry Pence.

New Business was discussed including The Carnevale, the March 31st Spaghetti Dinner, the

St. Joseph Day Celebration, the next Sausage fundraiser, the Cooking Class, the Wine Tasting Experience and the kickoff of a Membership Drive. All members will be asked to get one new member to join the Society by June.

The Meeting was adjourned. The loyal members that trudged through the heavy snow to attend the meeting enjoyed a homemade minestrone soup made by Terry Bolamperti. This was his mother's recipe. The soup was served with warm crusty bread. Hope to see you all at the next meeting on March 11, 2019.

Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti

**AIHS COOKBOOK**

A committee will be formed soon to do a revision of our cookbook "A Taste of Italy". We plan on editing the current cookbook and adding an addendum of new recipes.

If interested in helping with this committee please call Diana. New family recipes will be requested of members in the near future.





## ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION

**Join us for the St Joseph's Day Celebration at the Palazzo on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 until 3:30 p.m.**

We will be honored to have Fr. Carl Salanitro, pastor of Holy Cross Parish join us. He will lead us in prayer before the meal and offer a brief presentation on St. Joseph.

There will be a procession of St Joseph, Mary and Jesus to the traditional St. Joseph's Day table.

A pasta and meatball dinner will be served.

A \$7.00 per person offering is appreciated. Children are free. After costs, all proceeds will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. We encourage all to give a donation to the poor in honor of St. Joseph. Canned goods and grocery items are also appreciated.

Please help us make this event extra special by bringing a dessert for all to share.

Reservations are necessary to insure we have enough food for our guests. Please call Diana at 402-493-8888 with the number of adults and children attending.

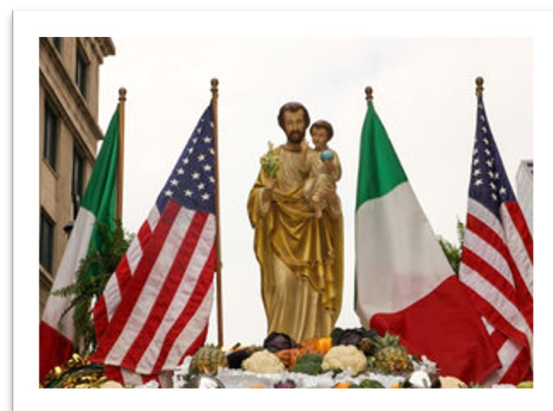
### St. Joseph's Day in New Orleans

New Orleans Catholics celebrate St. Joseph's Day by constructing elaborate altars to honor the relief St. Joseph provided during a famine in Sicily. The tradition began in the late 1800's when Sicilian immigrants settled in New Orleans.

St. Joseph altars place the statue of St. Joseph at the head with candles, flowers and medals. Because the altars thank St. Joseph for relieving hunger, offerings of food are added to the altar. Food and donations are then distributed to the public with leftovers going to the poor.

Altars are found at local New Orleans churches, especially those with strong Italian roots, but they are also constructed in private homes, halls, Italian restaurants, and public spaces in different communities throughout the city.

New Orleans also celebrates St. Joseph's Day with their annual parade in the French Quarter. Marchers wear red, dress in black tuxedos and carry fava beans and flowers.



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## AIHS SAUSAGE SALE

The spring sausage sale will be Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sausage: \$27 / 5 pounds. Peppers: \$13 / quart

Olives: \$10 / quart

Place your order by calling 402.493.8888 or email [secretary@omahaitaly.com](mailto:secretary@omahaitaly.com). Please include: name, phone number, regular or hot sausage and number of peppers and olives. Emails will be replied to, phone messages will not.

More details on meat cutting will be available in the April newsletter.



## ORDER EXTRA & MAKE SOMETHING NEW WITH OUR SAUSAGE!

Our Italian sausage is so flavorsome and can be used in many recipes besides the tradition sausage and peppers sandwich. Take the meat out of the casing and sauté it for sausage soup. Add beef broth, carrots, spinach, zucchini. Our loose sausage is great to mix in your Easter morning egg casserole! Stop by Rotella's Bakery to pick up some fresh dough to make sausage bread or homemade sausage pizza.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday, May 4**

Full Menu and Wine  
Pairing will be available  
in April Newsletter.

You're invited to a

*Wine Tasting*



### EASIEST WAY TO HELP US RAISE MONEY!

By simply submitting pictures of your receipts at hundreds of local businesses to the TAGG (Together A Greater Good) mobile app, AIHS receives a percentage of your purchase! It's so easy!

1. Download the TAGG mobile app on your smartphone.
2. Visit participating businesses and snap a photo of your receipt.
3. Choose American Italian Heritage Society for your cause.



### Participating businesses donating 5% of purchase include:

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### PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members who are ill, including George Scalise, Teri Carlino, Helen Rotella, Terri Wortman, Subby Anzaldo, Gary Ford, Jim Capellupo, Gary Wasinger, Ted Bolamperti and Romana Olivotto. Please call Diana at the office to add people to this prayer list.

Our prayers and condolences for the family and friends of Irene Flaxbeard who passed away February 4.

### SCHOLARSHIPS - DEADLINE MAY 1

AIHS SCHOLARSHIP: Applications are now available to members' children attending a credited college. Must be members for 2 years.

THE JOHN SCIGLIANO SCHOLARSHIP: We are now taking applications for any AIHS members' children and grandchildren attending Creighton University in the science program.

If interested, please call the AIHS office at 402-493-8888 for either application.



### 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 or email secretary@omahaitaly.com.

The advertisements help pay for the monthly publication of our newsletter. We need the support of businesses to continue sharing all our news and events with our members. Advertising funds help keep membership dues and events at a low cost.

Businesses to consider include florist shops, lawn care services, home services, insurance professionals, beauty care professions, health professionals, restaurants, etc. We appreciate your consideration and support.



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## PHOTOS AND ARTIFACTS AND HISTORY OF LITTLE ITALY IN OMAHA

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln Department of History has completed an exhibit on the history of Little Italy in Omaha. Professor Gerald Steinacher and several of his undergraduate and graduate students have contributed to this “History Harvest” along with people who grew up in the Italian communities surrounding St. Frances Cabrini (formerly St. Philomena) Church and St. Ann’s Church.

The project focused on the Italian American communities and was held on October 28, 2018 at the Santa Lucia Hall in the heart of Omaha’s historic Little Italy. Organizations partnering in this UNL exhibit included the American Italian Heritage Society, the Santa Lucia Festival Committee and the Omaha Lodge of the Sons of Italy. Photos were documented, artifacts were shown and oral histories were recorded.

The exhibition features a selection of items that document the experience of growing up in the immigrant community of Little Italy. The history of Omaha’s Little Italy shows how immigrants have always cherished and held onto their culture and heritage. Our Society was proud to be a part of this UNL Department of History project.

To view a selection of the documents of this exhibit please open the following website and browse: <http://historyharvest.unl.edu/exhibits/show/omaha-little-italy-2018>

We will also soon have it available to on our AIHS website. Below is the 1925 Train School Class (right) and 1975 Santa Lucia Members (right).



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