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# The News

THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

A Nonprofit Corporation; Omaha, NE



## **SAUSAGE SALE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12th**

**PICK UP**

10 AM TO 12 PM

Sausage \$33 / 5 pounds

Peppers \$15 / quart

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Spaghetti Sauce \$9 quart or

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Frozen Meatballs \$26 / bag of 25

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Place your order by Wednesday, April 9th email [secretary@omahaitaly.com](mailto:secretary@omahaitaly.com) or call 402-493-8888 x 1.

**Please include: name, cell phone number, regular or HOT sausage, cased or bulk and amount of other items you are ordering. Thank you!**

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP CUTTING MEAT!**

Thursday, April 10th from 8 AM to 3 PM and Saturday, April 12th from 7 AM to 1:30 PM

Call 402-493-8888 x 1 or email [secretary@omahaitaly.com](mailto:secretary@omahaitaly.com), if you can help. If you are going to volunteer either day, please place your food order by Wednesday, April 9th. Millie Grazie!!!

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).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April Membership Meeting**  
Monday, April 14th Social Hour 6:30 PM  
Meeting 7:30 PM

**Wine Tasting Experience**  
Saturday, May 3rd 6:30 PM

**Easter Sausage Fundraiser**  
Saturday, April 12th 10 AM to 12 PM

**T.G.I.F. Italian Pizza Night**  
Friday, May 16th 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

### March 2025 Membership Meeting Report

The very popular Social Hour was held prior to the meeting during which those in attendance savored a delicious array of homemade foods. Friendly conversation and camaraderie was enjoyed by all. The General Membership Meeting held on March 10, 2025, was called to order by President Terry Bolamperti and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with Nick Phillips and Larry Belfiore as flag-bearers. There were 22 members were in attendance. Members were asked to take a moment of silence to remember all of our members that are ill or have recently passed away.

Guests and members welcomed at the meeting were Gina Ricci-Lypaczewski and Joe (Gregorio) Gregory. Gina's Italian grandparents immigrated to Canada from a very small village in the province of Basilicata. In 1990 they moved to the United States and her husbands employment brought her family to Omaha 15 years ago. Joe Gregory's Italian heritage stems from Sicily. His grandparents immigrated to New York at the turn of the Century. His father was in the Coast Guard which safe-guarded the New York harbor during World War II. Joe's family came to Omaha 30 years ago as he began a college teaching career at Creighton University. Joe mentioned how he loves Italian heritage which he describes as sharing, remembering and preserving our Italian family stories from the past. Joe Gregory and his wife Jeanne are also chairing the St. Joseph Day Celebration which the Society will honor with a presentation of the St. Joseph's Table at the Spring Spaghetti Dinner.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved by members. The **Treasurers Report** was given by President Terry Bolamperti which was also approved. There was much discussion from members present.

**Old Business** was discussed including the **Carnevale** which was held and hosted at Pasta Amore Ristorante on Tuesday March 4, 2025. St Frances Cabrini Deacon, Larry Mruz, played the part of the Bishop of Carnevale and the guests enjoyed a delicious antipasti, dinner and dessert prepared by the chefs at Pasta Amore. The King and Queen of Carnevale this year are Nick and Beth Phillips. Thanks to all that helped in any way.

**New Business** discussed was The St. Joseph Day Celebration which, due to timing and scheduling issues, will be held in conjunction with the Spring Spaghetti Dinner on March 16, 2025. We have planned an Easter Sausage Fundraiser on April 12, 2025. Volunteers are needed for these events. A Membership Drive will be held in April and May and all members will be asked to enroll a new member including friends and especially younger family members. We are also planning a Wine Tasting Experience on May 3, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned and the Piece of the Pie winners drawn were Larry Belfiore and Beth Phillips. All were welcomed to the next Membership Meeting which will be held at the Palazzo on April 14, 2025.

Submitted by President Terry Bolamperti



You're cordially invited to:

# Italian Wine Tasting Experience

**Saturday, May 3rd 6:30 p.m.**

**\$85/person**

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Beth 402-493-8888 x 1

**There will be 5 Italian wine selections with Quaffing, Soup & Salad, Dinner and Dessert.**



## ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION AND SPRING SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Spring Spaghetti and meatball dinner was held on Sunday, March 16, 2025. We had over 600 people in attendance and received many compliments on the dinner. In addition, we had a successful bake sale, and we want to thank all the members who contributed to all the desserts and pastries for the bake sale. We also did great business with the refreshments at the bar. This was a very successful fundraiser for the Society, and we want to thank everyone that helped including the crews that made the meatballs, the sauce, the salad dressing, pre-cooking the pasta and those that set the hall up for the event. We also want to thank all the members that volunteered to work the day of the dinner, including those who worked at the front desk, the food line, the take outs, table clearers, the bar, the bake sale, the runners and of course those helping in the kitchen along with the great cleanup crew. We also want to thank Lou Rotella and Rotella's Bakery for making and donating the bread for the Spaghetti Dinner. It takes a lot of people to put this event on and we want to thank anyone who helped in any way, and we also want to thank any members and guests who attended the event.

The Society also set up a St. Joseph Table honoring St. Joseph, the Patron Saint of Italy. Joe and Jeanne Gregory set up the table with the statue of St. Joseph, flowers and foods grown in gardens and traditional foods including fish, fava beans and wine and breads. Another thanks to Lou Rotella for providing the cross-shaped bread for the celebration.





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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, Maria Leo, Margo Pirruccello, Ann Marie Falco-Marr, Judge Joe Troia, Tara & Tim Virgilito, Cecilia Bellinghiere, Sam & Lucy Marasco, Lou Buda, and Joan Gentzler.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We would like to warmly welcome our new members; Patrick & Tricia Sharrar and Lou Bozak. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

**\*\*\*SUPPORT & PROMOTE THE PALAZZO!!!**

We need your help to promote our home, The Palazzo for rentals. Please call Beth at the AIHS office to schedule a tour and she will help provide information on our exclusive caterer, Catering Creations.

**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

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

**AIHS SCHOLARSHIP:** We will be offering two generous scholarships. Applications are now available to members' children attending a credited college. Must be paid 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 x 1 or email secretary@omahaitaly.com, for either application. Applications are due by the end of April.

**ITALIAN FOLK DANCE INSTRUCTOR**

We are looking for a volunteer interested in teaching a simple Italian folk dance to a group of young people. If you have any dance experience or would be struck to learn Italian dance or start a group, please call Beth at the AIHS office, 402-493-8888 x 1; email Secretary@Omahaitaly.com



**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.



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## CARNEVALE MARCH 2025

The 2025 Carnevale sponsored by the American Italian Heritage Society was held at Pasta Amore on Fat Tuesday, March 4th. Those attending enjoyed a night of pageantry, live music, and delicious food. The Bishoop played by Deacon Larry Mruz opened the evening ringing the bell at 6:11 PM as cocktails and antipasti were served. The evenings menu included mozzarella frito, Sicilian chopped salad, Jambalaya, Tuscan Filet Tips with Quattro ForMaggio Fettuccine, and Raspberry Zeppole for dessert. Attendees enjoyed the entertainment lead by singer Johnny Fascianella accompanied by Steve Kuzela on the keyboard. This year's King & Queen, Nick and Beth Phillips were crowned by President Terry Bolamperti. The evening was cut a bit short due to the inclement snowy conditions that evening. Many thanks to Matt Burbach, Chef Jared Clarke, and the staff at Pasta Amore for a delicious meal and hosting this fun event at their restaurant.



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**Dessert Salad (Ancini De Pepe)****Pg. 34**

Micky Bolamperti

1 box acini di pepe macaroni  
1 sm. pkg. miniature marshmallows  
1 (8 oz.) container Cool Whip  
2 (11 oz.) cans Mandarin oranges with juice  
1 (20 oz) can pineapple tidbits, drained, juice reserved

1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained, juice reserved  
1 c. sugar  
2 T. flour  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 3/4 c. reserved juice  
3 eggs, beaten

Boil acini di pepe macaroni until done; drain and cool in a large bowl. Combine sugar, flour, salt, reserved pineapple juice and eggs. Cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly until thick. Cool completely. When mixture has cooled, pour over cooled acini di pepe. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Next day, add drained pineapple tidbits, crushed pineapple, Cool Whip and Mandarin oranges with juice. Add miniature marshmallows and mix well. Chill. Makes a large bowl.



**This recipe can be found on the “A Taste of Italy”**

**Cookbooks can be purchased through the AIHS Office for \$25.00.**

**NEW ADVERTISEMENT**

**We are always looking for members and friends who would like to help support the Society by placing an ad in our monthly newsletter.**

**John Delano and his brother own Mighty Dog Roofing here in Omaha. John joined the Society a year ago and has been an amazing volunteer to assist at all our events. John even chaired the outside food line at last year's Festa!**

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