



THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

A Nonprofit Corporation; Omaha, NE



## Pasta Amore & AIHS Present **Carnivale**

**Tuesday, March 4th, 2025**

**Pasta Amore - 11027 Prairie Brook Rd**

**Cocktail Hour 6:11 PM**

**Dinner Hour 7:11 PM**

**Entertainment 8:11 PM**

### Menu

**Mozzarella Frito**

**Sicilian Chopped Salad**

**Jambalaya**

**Tuscan Filet tips with Quattro**

**Formaggio Fettuccine**

**Raspberry Zeppole**

**Raspberry filled Italian donuts**

**\$65.11 per person**

**Includes Sales Tax and  
Tip (Drinks extra)**

**AIHS Members**

**10% Discount**

**RSVP to (402) 391-2585**

**Limited Availability**

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**Crowning the King and Queen of Carnevale during entertainment**

**Join us for pageantry, food, drinks and live music!  
Costumes are encouraged, but not required.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

February Membership Meeting  
Monday, February 10th Social Hour 6:30 PM  
Meeting 7:30 PM

Spring Spaghetti Dinner/St. Joseph's Day  
Sunday, March 16th

T.G.I.F. PIZZA NIGHT  
Friday, February 21st 6-8 PM

Easter Sausage Fundraiser  
Saturday, April 12th



### CARNEVALE IN ITALY

Carnevale is celebrated in Italy and many places around the world during the 40 days before Easter and a final party before Ash Wednesday and Lent. The name is said to derive from the words carne vale - 'farewell to meat'.

Carnevale was first celebrated in Venice in 1094 and has been officially sanctioned in that city since 1296. During the Middle Ages and the Renaissance Carnevale celebrations were popular throughout Europe. Today, public areas around Venice become the showcase for actors, acrobats and musicians with residents and visitors alike wearing elaborate masks and elegant costumes. One of the largest celebrations in Italy is in Viareggio, a city on the Ligurian Sea. Carnevale in Viareggio is held for the 5 weekends before Lent. The town of Iurea, in the Piedmont region, has a unique carnival celebration with medieval roots. The carnival includes a colorful parade followed by orange-throwing battles in the center of town.

Carnevale in 2025 will take place in Venice, Italy from February 22 to March 4.

- ◇ The theme for 2025 is "In the time of Casanova"
- ◇ The Carnival will celebrate the 300th anniversary of Giacomo Casanova's birth
- ◇ The Feast of the Mary's (Festa delle Marie) will take place on February 22, with a parade of young women in historical costumes
- ◇ The Carnival will include parades, costume contests, street shows, water regattas, and live music
- ◇ The main events will take place in Saint Mark's Square



## FRIDAY PIZZA NIGHT

Please join us for Friday Pizza Night  
on Friday, February 21st 6-8 PM

**\$10**

**2-3 slices Fresh Homemade Pizza  
& Italian Salad**

**Bar refreshments available**

*The Palazzo, 132nd & Fort*

**RSVP Preferred**

## EPIPHANY CELEBRATION 2025

We had a wonderful turnout for our annual Epiphany Celebration held at the Palazzo on Sunday, January 5, 2025. Approximately 10 people attended including members, guests and Society volunteers. This is one of the best family events of the AIHS with over 30 children there having a lot of fun. It is always very heartwarming when the Befana gets all the children dancing the Tarantella with her. Emma Leo-Mueller was our Chairperson once again this year. She and her group of volunteers worked very hard to make the event so special. We can't thank her enough for chairing this event for the last several years. The meal was fantastic, as always, with spaghetti, meatballs, Italian salad and bread and butter. Members brought a vast array of desserts and cookies. Thanks to all the members that took the time to bake homemade goodies. The Society also had a bar serving refreshments. Members mentioned that they were very happy that our Society promotes and preserves this Italian tradition and keeps it going. Santa and the Befana arrived shortly after the meal was served. The children were so excited as they anticipated their arrival. The children listened intently as the Befana told the story of how she lost sight of the Three Wise Men on her way to see Baby Jesus. She then lead the children in singing Jingle Bells Italian style. Once again this year, the Befana got all of the 30 children to stand and do a Tarantella train through the crowd. Many adults in the crowd joined in and also danced with the Befana. It was a very festive event. Santa and the Befana then handed out goody bags filled with candy and fruit. We want to thank Lou Rotella for the donation of bread for the meal and Greenberg Fruit for the oranges donated for the goody bags. We also would like to express our gratitude to all the members that volunteered in the kitchen, front desk area, dessert table, the bar, the serving line, and all those who helped with food preparation, set up and clean up. Special thanks to Rose Koch and Gary Marasco for their roles in this event. Great job everyone! Millie Grazie!!

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

**\*\*\*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.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**AIHS SCHOLARSHIP:** We will be offering two 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 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 x 1 or email Secretary@Omahaitaly.com



Maestro Andrea Bocelli (Italian Tenor) with the Omaha Symphony will perform Thursday, February 6th at the CHI Center at 8 PM. Scan the QR code for 15% discount on tickets for the Omaha Italian Community.

**The Mission Statement of the American Italian 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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## Josephine Payne Nagengast Memorial

The Society would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Josephine Payne Nagengast who passed away January 18, 2025. Josephine lived a long active life and passed away at the age of 105. She was a proud member of the American Italian Heritage Society and was a generous donor to The Palazzo Capital Campaign. She is survived by her two sons Tony and Frank ( Barb ) Payne. Please keep Josephine and her family in your prayers.

### MILLE GRAZIE!

We are sincerely grateful to our past board members, Chairman Toni Bac, and Treasurer Jeff Ladwig. Thank you for your commitment and time serving the Society and members for the past 4 years.

Many thanks also to the current and new Board Directors now serving the Society. April Belfiore, Chairman; Terry Bolamperti, President; David Fucinaro, Vice President; Courtney Dice, Secretary; Sal Belfiore, Treasurer; and Nick Bolamperti, Board Member.



## Pasta Amore

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4:30 p.m. to Close  
Family Style Option on Sundays

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108th & Center  
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## Doubled Crust Pizza (Cudaruni)

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Mary Jo Romano Petersen

1 lb. ground beef	1 (29-oz.) can tomato sauce
1 med. onion, chopped	1 1/2 c. Romano cheese
1/2 tsp. seasoned salt	1 loaf frozen bread dough or pizza dough
1/4 c. chopped celery leaves	2 c. Swiss chard, finely chopped
Dash of ground pepper	2 T. oregano
1/8 tsp. salt	2 med. potatoes, thinly sliced
1/4 c. oil	1/2 tsp. garlic salt

Sauté potatoes for 10 minutes. Add ground beef, chopped onion, celery leaves, salt, pepper, seasoned salt and garlic salt; cook for 10 more minutes, stirring constantly. Set aside to cool. Follow recipe on frozen bread dough for rising and roll out on floured board until thin. Spread one-half of the dough on a cookie sheet. Sprinkle dough with cooled ingredients. Sprinkle cheese and oregano over ingredients. Place other half of dough on top of the ingredients and pinch sides together to seal. Bake in preheated 375 oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown,



## CASANOVA'S BUTCHERY

ROCKBROOK

The old-fashioned butcher shop has returned to Omaha! Family-owned Casanova's Butchery is open in Rockbrook Village, 108th & Center. Casanova's sells only Choice and Prime beef—nothing less. Plus fresh pork, poultry, awesome burgers, homemade sausages, and amazing charcuterie, all at reasonable prices. Skilled butchers custom cut and prepare your order right in front of you. It's the way butchery used to be! Shop choice meats and buy them just how you want at Casanova's Butchery, open every day.

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### SPECIAL MEMBER THANKS AND RECOGNITION

Back in October, our very own member, Julia Brecht-Johnson represented The American Italian Heritage Society at a “Taste of Italy” event held at the Madison Avenue Hy-Vee in Council Bluffs. Julia was there to share opportunities and events at our Society. The Hy-Vee was also offering authentic Italian demos, Photo Booth and free face painting. Thank you so much to Julia for sharing her weekend promoting and preserving our Society!



### LEARN ITALIAN - MANY WAYS TO SAY I LOVE YOU

Italian is a romantic language! Here are a few ways to impress your sweetie this Valentine's Day:

**Buon San Valentino, Amore Mio** (Happy Valentine's Day, My Love)

**Amo te oggi e sempre.** (I love you today and forever)

**Grazie Amore per rendere speciali i giorni della mia vita.**  
(Thank you My Love for making the days of my life special)



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## Buon San Valentino Happy Valentine's Day



*il Palazzo*

*Members, friends, & family call to host your next  
wedding or special event with us!  
Call 402 493-8888 x 2*

The sign for 'il Palazzo' features a small grape cluster at the top and the name in a cursive font. Below the sign is promotional text for hosting events.

*Serving families for over 132 years.*

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