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# The News

THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

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## **SAUSAGE SALE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28th**

**PICK UP**

**10 AM TO 12 PM**

**Sausage \$33 / 5 pounds**

**Peppers \$15 / quart**

**Olives \$15 / quart**

**Spaghetti Sauce \$9 quart or**

**2 quarts for \$16**

**Frozen Meatballs \$28 / bag of 25**

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**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, March 26th from 8 AM to 3 PM and Saturday, 28th from 7 AM to 2 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, March 25th. 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

**Spring Spaghetti Dinner/St. Joseph's Day**  
Sunday, March 8th 12 - 6 PM

**March Membership Meeting**  
Monday, March 9th  
Social Hour 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM

**Easter Sausage Fundraiser**  
Saturday, March 28th 10 AM - 12 PM

**T.G.I.F. Pizza Night**  
Friday, April 10th 5:30 - 8 PM

**Wine Tasting Experience**  
Saturday, May 2nd

## February 2026 Membership Meeting Report

Prior to the meeting a social hour was held at 6:30 PM for the attending members during which merry camaraderie was enjoyed by all. Members once again enjoyed a delicious array of homemade foods. We invite members to attend the monthly meetings and come early for the popular social hour.

The General Membership Meeting, held on February 9, 2026 was called to order promptly at 7:30 PM by President Terry Bolamperti and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with veterans Jim Mazzei and Nick Phillips as flag-bearers. There were 24 members in attendance. Members were asked to bow their heads in silent prayer for those members of the Society that are currently ill, with special attention to Lou Buda who was not present but usually attends these meetings. John Portera noted February birthday members present, Rose Koch & Joe Gregory, so members sang happy birthday and they were given a round of applause.

The **Treasure's Report** was given by Terry Bolamperti and approved by the membership. There was a discussion on funds since the President announced this a period with no fundraisers from the December Sausage sale until the Spring Spaghetti Dinner to be held on March 8th. There have been many wedding rentals though and the rental income has helped a lot. More fundraisers are planned through the spring.

**Old Business** discussed was the 2025 Dan Polley / Lou Buda Award winners who were announced at the last meeting in December and listed in the January Newsletter. Congratulated to these well-deserved winners, Beth Gibbs and Joe Daniels. Also discussed was the successful **Epiphany Celebration** which was held on January 4, 2026. Once again we thanked the Chairperson Emma Leo-Mueller, for all her work organizing the event. Rose Koch and John Ruma we thanked for portraying the Befana and Santa Claus and we are grateful for all that helped in any way at the event.

**New Business** was discussed including the **Carnevale**, which will be held on February 17th at Pasta Amore. We are planning the **Spring Spaghetti Dinner** on March 8, 2026 from noon to 6:00 pm. Since there is a time schedule issue, we will honor **St. Joseph's Day** by setting up a St. Joseph Table at the Spaghetti Dinner. There will be a presentation honoring St. Joseph around 3:00 pm, but no processing or talk as was done in years past. Crews will be set for preparation of meatballs on 2/17 & 2/18 and sauce on 2/21.

Lastly the **Easter Sausage Fundraiser** will be held Saturday, March 28th. The pork cutting will be done on Thursday, March 26th. The Society will hold a **Pizza Night TGIF Italian style** on Friday, April 10th. We are also planning a **Wine Tasting Experience** on May 2, 2026. More details to follow. The **Summer Members Picnic** is planned on May 31st. Lastly we have a major fundraiser, the premier AIHS Car Show, the **Pizza, Pasta, Motor Festa Car Show** which will be held on June 13th at the Palazzo. We will need lots of help with all these fundraisers. Call Beth if you can volunteer. We need help!

The meeting was adjourned and the Piece of the Pie winners drawn were Dave Fucinaro and John Portera who donated his winnings back to the Society. Mille Grazie. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 9th. You are also invited to the Social Hour at 6:30pm before the business meeting.

Submitted by AIHS President Dr. Terry Bolamperti



## **Spring Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner**

**THIS SUNDAY!!!**

**Sunday, March 8th from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

**Tickets: Adults \$14 Children \$7**

**Spaghetti and 2 Meatballs**

**Includes Italian Salad, Bread and Butter**

**Guests are welcome, so please invite your family and friends**

**\*Members please bring desserts or pastries for our Bake Sale\***

**Hope to see you there!**

## CARNEVALE FEBRUARY 2026

The 2026 Carnevale sponsored by the American Italian Heritage Society was held at Pasta Amore on Fat Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Those attending enjoyed a night of pageantry, live music and delicious meal which consisted of delicious Italian Specialties. The Bishop played by Larry Mruz, opened the evening ringing the bell at 6:11 PM as cocktails and antipasti were served. The dinner was served at 7:11 PM by Pasta Amore. The dinner included Arancini, Roasted Duck Gumbo, Chicken with green & white taste, Carved New York Strip with Quattro Formaggio Penne, and Raspberry Zeppole (Italian Donuts) for dessert. Throughout the evening attendees were entertained by lead singer Tim Vasquez along with Steve Kuzela who played the music on the keyboard. At 8:11 PM the Bishop of Carnevale rang the bell again and announced the pageantry would now begin. The King and Queen of Carnevale were announced to those in attendance.

The Bishop placed crowns and capes on the 2026 Carnevale King & Queen; Rick and Rose Koch. All the people in attendance really enjoyed the fun filled evening. At 9:11 PM the Bishop of Carnevale announced the Carnevale pageantry and celebration be coming to an end. He also reminded that the 40 days of Lent starts the next day on Ash Wednesday.

If you've never attended Carnevale before, please consider enjoying this unique and traditional Italian event next year. The Carnevale is always held in February on Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Many thanks to Matt Burbach, Chef Jared Clarke, Morgan Swanda and the staff at Pasta Amore for preparing this delicious meal and the festive decorations at their restaurant. Millie Grazie!

Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti





**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, Joan Gentzler, Kathy Eichelberg, Leo Fascianella, and Heather Goertz—daughter of Gary & Mary Kay Ford.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We would like to warmly welcome our new members; Eric Holmes & Tara Toupai and Jim & Christine Medici . We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

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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.

**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.

**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

**COOKBOOKS FOR SALE**

As always are AIHS Cookbooks, “A Taste of Italy” are available for purchase at the Palazzo office for \$25.00.



**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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## FRIDAY PIZZA NIGHT

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**“CASOL” PIEMONTESE****pg. 77**

Richard Bolamperti

2 lbs. pig tails or 3 lbs.  
Spareribs  
1 qt. crushed tomatoes  
1 lg. onion, chopped  
1 head cabbage, cut in lg.  
Pieces

1 tsp. basil  
1 tsp. oregano  
2 T. oil  
2 c. water  
Salt & pepper to taste

Brown meat in oven until nicely browned. This procedure removes some of the fat; discard fat. Cook the onion and garlic in oil until limp. In a large saucepan, add the onions, garlic, tomatoes, spices and browned meat to 2 cups water. Cover and cook until meat is tender. Add cabbage, salt and pepper. Cook for about 30 minutes more. Can be put in a casserole and finished in oven. Should be moist and thick; but soupy like.



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