

# Cuore d'Italia

## Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

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### *President's Message*

#### **Dear Brothers and Sisters:**

Joe and I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and we want to wish you a very happy and healthy New Year.

Our Christmas Party turned out very nice after a little problem in the beginning. The food was good, and the DJ had everyone up and dancing with a variety of music, including Christmas songs.

We raffled off about 12 gifts which helped us to make a profit of \$825 which will go to our scholarship in June.

This month we will have elections to fill the officer positions of Treasurer, Vice President, and some Council positions.

Joseph Classic Market donated a \$100 gift card to compensate for the problem we had.



Our Annual St. Joseph Dinner Dance will be held Thursday March 21, 2024, from 5:30 – 8:00 PM.

Suggestions for restaurants are always appreciated.

Fraternally Yours,

Carole DeVito, President 561-328-6710

#### **Compleanni – Birthdays - Febbraio**

Barbara Harris	February 5 <sup>th</sup>
Lisa Bailen	February 20 <sup>th</sup>
Anna Fattorusso	February 26 <sup>th</sup>

#### **Valentine's Day in Italy: Buon San Valentino**

Valentine's Day was celebrated as a spring festival. It celebrates the Queen of Roman Gods and goddesses – Juno, the Goddess of Women and Marriage. In Italy, Valentine's Day is known as La Festa Degli Innamorati. Italian lovers typically exchange gifts such as flowers and sweets, especially Cioccolanti.

It is not a national public holiday, such as in the U.S. Rather a romantic holiday, celebrated by adult couples and lovers.

#### **St. Valentine (3<sup>rd</sup> century Roman Saint)**

Ministered to persecuted Christians in the Roman Empire. He was martyred on February 14 in AD 269.