

La decima festa annuale
di San Giuseppe - 2022
(10th Annual St. Joseph's Day Festival)

St. Andrew's Hall
Ocean City, Maryland
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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Guests,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to our 10th Annual St. Joseph's Day Festival. The celebration of this feast day dates to Medieval Sicily when it is said that St. Joseph answered the people's prayers by ending one of the Island's legendary droughts. Ever since, St Joseph's Day has been celebrated with special prayers of adoration to the Saint and large celebratory feasts. The custom was likely brought to the United States in the great Italian migration (1880-1923).

Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), originally called "Figli d'Italia" and now also doing business as Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA), was established in that same period (1905) by Vincenzo Sellaro, M.D., and five other Italian immigrants in the Little Italy neighborhood of New York City. Their aim was to create a support system for all Italian immigrants that would assist them with becoming U.S. citizens, provide health and death benefits, educational opportunities and aid with assimilation in America. The founders based "Figli d'Italia" on the principles of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity, and OSDIA still adheres to these principles.

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Its missions include encouraging the study of Italian language and culture in American schools and universities; preserving Italian American traditions, culture, history and heritage; and promoting closer cultural relations between the United States and Italy. A group of Italian American business people organized the Ocean City Lodge in May, 1980, with a Charter Membership of 247 which is one of the largest ever to be installed in the United States. By its official initiation as a lodge on November 15, 1980, it had over 300 members. This year our Lodge celebrates its 42nd anniversary.

The Lodge donates to local charities, awards scholarships to high school seniors of Italian descent, promotes Italian traditions and offers its members an exciting variety of social activities.

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I Am An Italian American

by Angelo Bianchi, Esq., 1982

I am an Italian-American. My roots are deep in ancient soil, drenched by the Mediterranean sun and watered by pure streams from snow-capped mountains.

I am enriched by thousands of years of culture. My hands are those of the mason, the artist, the man of soil. My thoughts have been recorded in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce.

I am an Italian-American, and from my ancient world I first spanned the seas to the New World - I am Cristoforo Colombo.

I am Giovanni Caboto, known in American history as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America.

I am Amerigo Vespucci, who gave my name to the new world, America.

First to sail on the Great Lakes in 1679, founder of the territory that became the State of Illinois, colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas, I am Enrico Tonti.

I am Filippo Mazzei, friend of Thomas Jefferson, and my thesis on the equality of man was written into the Bill of Rights.

I am William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence and, yes, an Italian-American.

I am an Italian-American; I financed the Northwest Expedition of George Rogers Clark and accompanied him through the lands that would become Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.

I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Philippines; I am Alessandro Malaspina.

I am Giacomo Beltrami, the discoverer of the Mississippi River in 1823.

I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They call me the Michelangelo of America. I am Constantino Brumidi.

In 1904, I founded in San Francisco the Bank of Italy, now known as the Bank of America, the largest financial institution in the world; I am A.P. Giannini.

I am Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini founder of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart and the first U.S. citizen to be canonized as saint.

I am Enrico Fermi, father of nuclear science in America.

I am Steve Geppi, founder of Diamond Comics, the largest distributorship of comics on the planet.

I am the first enlisted man to earn the Medal of Honor in World War II; I am John Basilone of New Jersey.

I am an Italian-American.

I am the million strong who served in America 's armies and the tens of thousands whose names are enshrined in military cemeteries from Guadalcanal to the Rhine ...

I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in the Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood, the homemaker and the breadwinner in over 10,000 communities.

I am an American without stint or reservation, loving this land as only one who understands history, its agonies and its triumphs can love and serve it.

I will not be told that my contribution is any less nor my role not as worthy as that of any other American.

I will stand in support of this nation's freedom and protect it against all foes.

My heritage has dedicated me to this nation. I am proud of my heritage, and I shall remain worthy of it.

I am an Italian-American.

