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Memorandum

Founders of the Italic Studies Institute, 1987

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Dear Member,

It has been ten years since we incorporated the Institute (Originally named the Society for Italic Studies) as an educational non-profit. Our purpose in committing our time, energy and money to this new Institute was to create an entity that did not then exist among Italian-American organizations.

As we saw it, no other group had a grounding in classical Italy, the epoch that made the Italic people what they are. Other groups limited themselves to the immigrant era or the fragmented Italy of the Middle Ages and Renaissance. We purposely began using the name Italic to add the much-needed one thousand years to our heritage. The importance of this ancient perspective is better appreciated if you recall that the State of Israel was founded only because Jews cherished Kings David and Solomon. Are Augustus and Hadrian any less worthy of our memory?

Another major difference in our Institute was the establishment of programs to carry out our mission. *Project Italia* (videos and catalog), *The Italic Way* (national magazine), *Aurora* (youth education) and the *Ara Pacis* (Rome's symbolic monument to our unity) are the vehicles to change perceptions and to deepen the understanding of our complex heritage. These programs were meant to create new materials for education and to stimulate the thought process. Sometimes controversial but always on course, our programs are the essence of Italic Studies.

We sincerely thank you for your loyalty over the years and we will remain true to our founding cause.

Warmest regards,

The Founders

Send your comments to:
The Council of Governors,
in care of the ISI Office.

We welcome your participation. Please send us job opportunities, new employment, personals or any other news items of interest.

Fax the ISI office at: (516) 488-4889

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Plenary Council
Annual Picnic
Sept. 13

(Open to all members)

\$55.00 per Adult
\$25.00 per child

Italian Ambassador Honored

The ISI held its annual dinner dance on May 20th, 1997. The highlight of the night involved the honoring of a group of Italians for outstanding contributions or achievements. Those presented with awards included: Italian Ambassador to the United Nations Amb. Francesco Paolo Fulci for Italy's active role in global peace-keeping (Altar of Peace Award), Joseph D'Angelo of the National Electrical Contractors Association (Medal of Industry), and Timothy Gaglio of F.illi Ponte and Maximilian Restaurants (de Medici award) for Restaurant Management.

The event was an unqualified success, with over 500 people in attendance, at \$400 per plate. The festivities were held at the plush accommodations of the Waldorf's Grand Ballroom.

DOMUS - The Manhattan Building:

Over \$340,000 in verbal "pledges" came in from ISI members for the down-payment on a building. At this time, the target building has offers that exceed ours (\$2 million).

However, the Japanese owners have not made any decision on the sale.

ISI Constitution Revised

The Council of Governors revised the ISI constitution as of 6/19/97. Among the changes is the creation of cost centers for our basic programs. For example, *The Italic Way* will become an autonomous program funded by a portion of all ISI dues and its own advertising. Currently, it is subject to budget debates and shortfalls. Being financially independent will also preserve its mission to defend and promote the Italian heritage.

Aurora Youth Program

This is a unique course offered only through the Institute. It's purpose is to awaken interest in Italian culture in the next generation. (Aurora means "dawn" in Italian.) Aurora is a specially designed course, for 5th and 6th graders, which teaches our language and culture through the use of crafts and games. The class has two Levels. The next Level 1 class will begin Saturday, November 1st in Brooklyn, The Bronx, Westchester and Long Island.



New Catalog Release..

You will find an updated product catalog enclosed with this newsletter. The new version has a greater assortment of educational products from history books to cook books, as well as unique gift items from desk flags to wristwatches. Pass the catalog on to friends and relatives.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW
PLENARY COUNCIL MEMBERS
AND GENERAL MEMBERS**

Plenary Council Members

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POLITICAL INITIATIVES

Advisory Council members attended a June 8th conference of Italian-American legislators in Albany, where they introduced their newly-created Agenda. This is the first one tailored to Italian-American needs. The 50-or-so legislators will review the agenda, and, if adopted by them (hopefully in the fall), the Advisory Council will present it to the 32 Italian-American Congressional legislators in Washington. A copy of the 14-point Agenda will appear in the next issue of *The Italic Way* later this month.

Project Italia is presently lobbying Congress for direct funding of a documentary concerning the shameful mistreatment of Italian-Americans during the Second World War (IW issue XXII, 1994). The National Italian-American Foundation (NIAF) has now joined our efforts with a resolution sponsored by Cong. Rick Lazio and Cong. Eliot Engel, requesting a full Dept. of Justice investigation into the matter. ISI member John Balesteri Krollpfeiffer (Maryland) is the originator and driving force behind this documentary. After being ignored by other organizations for funding of the film, John came to ISI. Our Secretary of Programs, John Mancini, hit upon the idea of direct U.S. Government funding, as an act of atonement. We currently have Senator Alfonse D'Amato's backing and are soliciting the other legislators.

Official Recognition

On May 2nd, Founder Carl Pescosolido received the prestigious title and award of Grand Official of the Italian Republic for his publishing of the book *The Proud Italians*. Carl co-authored the book with Prof. Pamela Gleason. It has been translated into Italian and plans are underway for a Spanish edition.

Carl has also endowed a Chair in Roman Civilization at Harvard, his *alma mater*.

• *The Proud Italians* is available through our catalog.

He Gets The Message...Out

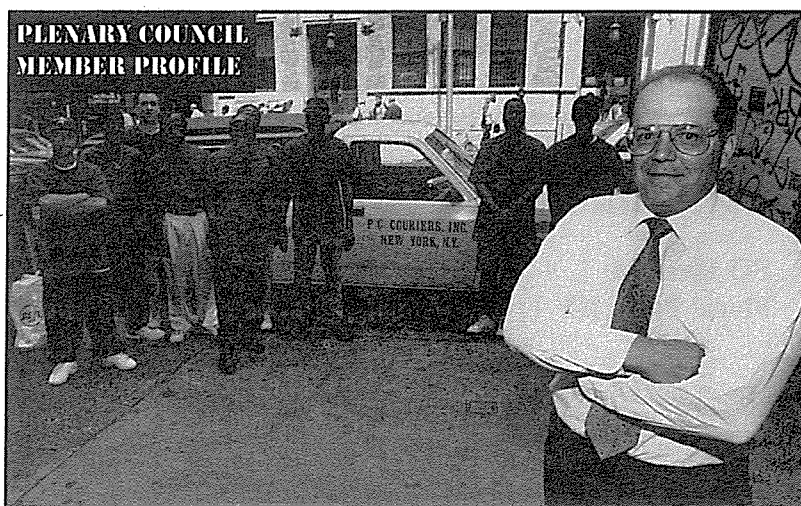
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Years in operation: 10

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AUGUST ALMANAC

The month of August was named after the Emperor Augustus.

- Aug. 1** - Roman Emperor **Claudius I**, who made Britain a province, was born in 10 B.C.
 - Scholar **Lorenzo Valla**, who proved that the Donation of Emperor Constantine—the Pope's claim to the ownership of Italy—was a forgery, died in 1457.
- Aug. 6** - **Niccolo Salvi**, the sculptor of Rome's Fountain of Trevi was born in 1762.
- Aug. 8** - Emperor **Hadrian** becomes Emperor at the death of Trajan in 117 A.D. Imperial Italy was at its greatest expanse.
- Aug. 10** - Count **Camillo Benso di Cavour**, the political genius behind the reunification of Italy, was born in Torino in 1810.
- Aug. 15** - **Napoleon Buonaparte** was born in 1769.
- Aug. 17** - The first transatlantic balloon flight was completed by **Ben Abruzzo** and partners in 1978.
- Aug. 19** - Emperor **Augustus**, founder of the Roman Empire, dies after a 40-year reign, at Nola in 14 A.D.
- Aug. 23** - The last cavalry charge of WWII was successfully undertaken by an Italian Army battalion in 1942 against a Soviet brigade of 2,000 infantrymen on the Russian front.
 - Italian-Americans **Nicola Sacco** and **Bartolomeo Vanzetti** were executed in 1927 by the State of Massachusetts after a travesty of a trial and despite international appeals.
- Aug. 24** - Pompeii and Herculaneum are buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D.
- Aug. 25** - **Andy Varipapi**, who developed bowling into a professional sport, died in 1984, at age 93.
- Aug. 27** - Duke **Alessandro Farnese**, Italian general in the Spanish Army was born in 1545. He was scheduled to land and complete the conquest of England with the ill-fated Spanish Armada in 1588.
- Aug. 31** - Educator **Maria Montessori** was born in 1870.

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