



# The Founders' Log



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## Memorandum

*Founders of the Italic Studies Institute, 1987*

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July, 1998

Re: SUCCESS--AT A PRICE

Dear Member,

Without question, the Institute stands on the threshold of success. Our 1998 Gala was a showcase of Italic Pride: first-rate honorees, over 400 attendees, and an impressive demonstration of our commitment to Aurora Youth.

Led by two dedicated members, Charles Guigno and Michael Cafiero, the Gala Committee put on a grand show for our honorees. Members of the Dinner Committee deserve our highest praise for their time and efforts. They are: Mary Ann Minucci, Frank Fellone, Monica Polizzi, Jay Shimon, Steve Napolitano, Joe Grieco, Nick Montesano and Gene Skowronski.

This Gala was a turning point for our Institute. Finally, Plenary Council members are using the word "institute" instead of "club." The awards ceremony, staged in a separate room during the cocktail hour, was universally praised as a dignified and moving event. No one failed to be held in awe of the caliber of honorees (photos below) and strength of our Aurora program. Even the speeches were short and meaningful! The ceremony highlighted our deep roots in Italy and our strong ties to the Italian people today. Spiritually and mentally, our Plenary council has remade itself and done us proud.

However, success promotes the appetite. We now appeal to our general membership to contribute to our expansion: a new Manhattan office, a computer upgrade, and the expansion of Aurora. It doesn't take much. We only ask that you all focus on this Institute of ours and appreciate what we can accomplish with more resources. Ultimately, you, your children, and grandchildren will reap the benefits.

*Noi andiamo in avanti!*

Warmest regards,  
The Founders

### GOLF OUTING

The date is Monday, July 27th. The place is Hempstead Golf & Country Club. The cost is \$250 per golfer, including buffet dinner. For non-golfers, dinner is \$100.

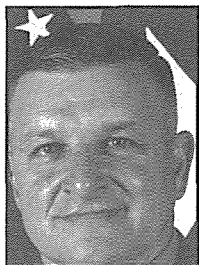
Cocktails...Prizes...  
Dinner...Camaraderie

Contact our office at (516) 488-7400 for reservations.

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

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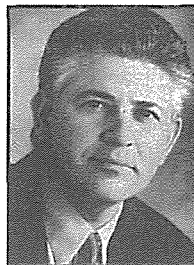
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Altar of Peace Award



Admiral Guido Venturoni  
Altar of Peace Award



Daniel Petrocelli  
Roman Law Award



Peter Falk  
Media Image Award



Robert Mondavi  
Medal of Industry

## NATIONAL APPEAL

The Governors and Officers of the Institute are asking all members for a donation of \$50 each. This is the very first time such an appeal is being made specifically for Institute programs. We need to enter another phase of growth: another expansion of the Aurora Youth Program, a Manhattan office, and a computer upgrade.

Every member can help us grow in the following ways:

- **Mail us your tax-deductible contribution of \$50**
- **Recruit a new member**
- **Order from our catalog or pass it onto a good prospect.**

For your information, ISI operates with only part-time employees without health benefits. All officers serve without pay. Our overhead consists of a 1,000 sq. ft. office/classroom on Long Island, four MacIntosh Classics and two telephone lines. Our Institute functions with the most streamlined operation in the non-profit industry. Compare the quality and scope of our work with any other group, and you will agree that your contributions to ISI achieve maximum results.

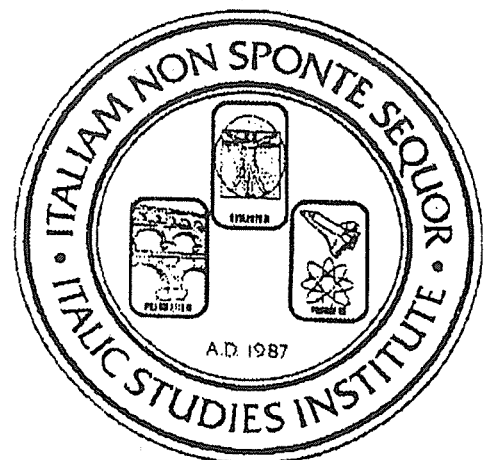
## AGENDA ADVANCES

It's been one year since an Institute committee journeyed to Albany, NY to propose the adoption of its new *Italian-American Agenda* before delegates of the New York State Legislature. The legislators deferred any decision at that meeting for lack of a quorum. However, during that time, the *Agenda* was unanimously endorsed by NIACA (National Italian-American Coordinating Association) in Washington, DC. Also, we have just received word that the New York State Italian-American Legislators have finally put their stamp of approval on it. In addition, former vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro has also joined with us. We are currently working on the 32-member United States Congressional delegation.

Once the *Agenda* has received these blessings, we intend to begin implementing its 14 provisions. For a copy of the *Agenda*, contact the office at (516) 488-7400.

### An Italian-American Agenda

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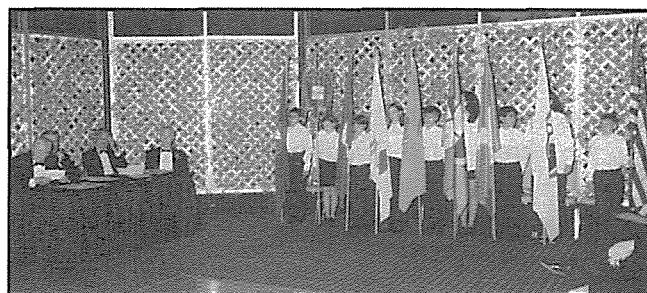


Endorsed by the  
National Italian American Coordinating Association (NIACA)  
on 25 October 1997

## AURORA ON PARADE

To demonstrate our commitment to youth, we literally paraded some of our former *Aurora* students before our honored guests at the 1998 Gala. Bearing the flags of 16 of Italy's 20 regions along with the U.S. and Italian flags, our students made an excellent impression as they performed the "Regions on Parade" before Italian Admiral Venturoni and U.S. General Zinni. The *Aurora* kids wore special uniforms with tri-color braids and patches of Italy on their shoulders. *Aurora* not only teaches language, it also builds spirit.

Four new *Aurora* centers are planned for this fall. That will be ten centers and 400 new youngsters around the Metro NY area. Moreover, we have been promised continuing grants from the Italian government, the National Italian American Foundation, and local social clubs. But there will still be a deficit.

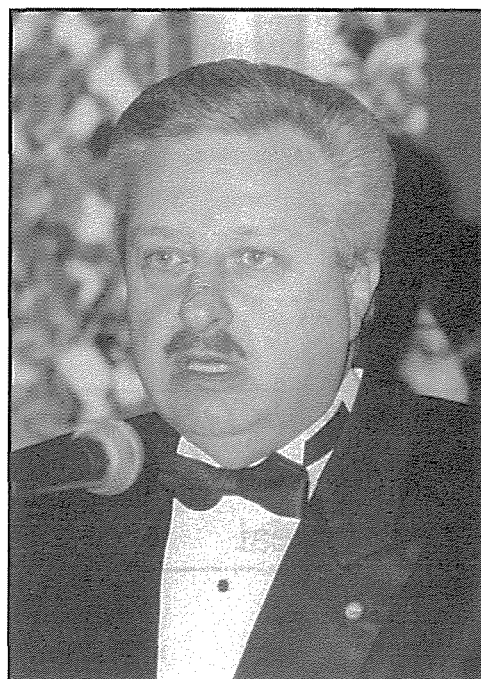


## MASSARO HONORED BY ITALIAN PRESIDENT

His Excellency, Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, President of the Italian Republic, has announced from the Quirinale Palace that New York Supreme Court Justice Dominic R. Massaro has been awarded Italy's highest decoration: *Cavaliere di Gran Croce della Repubblica Italiana*.

There are less than a handful of Italian Americans who hold this rank.

Judge Massaro is a member of the Advisory Council of the Italic Studies Institute. We congratulate him.



## JULY ALMANAC

- July 2 - Inventor **Guglielmo Marconi** receives a patent on his wireless telegraphy system, the forerunner of radio, in 1897.
- July 3 - **Marie DeMedici** dies in 1642. She introduced Italian arts to France which included cooking, ballet, and opera.
- July 4 - The Altar of Augustan Peace (**Ara Pacis Augustae**) is consecrated in 13 B.C. It commemorated the start of the Roman Peace (Pax Romana) and the completion of Italian unity.
- Freedom fighter **Giuseppe Garibaldi** is born in Nizza (now Nice, France) in 1804. He help to reunify Italy in 1860.
- July 8 - Explorer **Giovanni Verrazzano** returns from the New World to France in 1524. His voyage was the beginning of French claims to North America.
- July 12 - **Julius Caesar** is born in 100 B.C.
- July 13 - Father of Chemistry, **Stanislao Cannizzaro** is born in Sicily in 1826.
- July 14 - Cardinal **Giulio Mazarini** (Jules Mazarin) is born in Pescina, Italy in 1602. He was the prime minister of France during the early reign of Louis XIV.
- July 16 - In 1941, baseball's Joltin' **Joe DiMaggio** hits successfully for the 56th consecutive time, a still unbroken record.
- July 17 - Italian expeditionary troops on the Western Front (France) successfully block the German attack at the 2nd Battle of the Marne in 1918.
- July 18 - Manager of the Champion NY Yankees, **Joe Torre**, is born in 1941.
- July 25 - Italian leader **Benito Mussolini** sends four army divisions to the Austrian border to block Hitler's attempt to annex that nation in 1934. The British, French, and Americans do nothing. Nevertheless, Germany backs down.
- July 26 - Italy's luxury liner, **Andrea Doria**, sinks in 1956 with a loss of 52 lives. A later inquiry faults the crew of the Swedish freighter, Stockholm, for the collision.
- U.S. Attorney General **Charles Bonaparte** creates the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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