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Dear Member,

In this last year of the millennium we hope that you and your loved ones achieve health and happiness. In that regard, we believe that keeping faith with your heritage is a good way to guarantee health and happiness. A positive Italian spirit, a strong tradition, and a healthful Italian diet may be all you need to overcome life's challenges. As part of our job, everyone working at the Institute will see that heaping doses of heritage will lift your spirits on a regular basis.

Rumor has it that the much-awaited issue XXIX of *The Italic Way* will be mailed to you in January. We have read a draft of it and it has that unique variety and pizzazz for which our national magazine is famous. The focus article is on Italy's Royal Family in exile.

With **Aurora Youth Education** leading the way, your Institute is blazing new trails. We have begun linking up with Italian-American legislators to spread the *Aurora* magic to hundreds, and eventually thousands, of children. These new-found relationships will also translate into effective political action that will heighten America's awareness of the fifth largest ethnic group in this country, as well as the fifth richest nation on the globe.

Both the ISI elections next month and the Gala in May will be important milestones in our growth. We want to fill the leadership ranks that will carry us into the next century and that will continue to build a strong national and international image to make our voice heard.

Yet, in the final analysis, we are sustained by people like you who love the Italian heritage and want to keep it great.

Best wishes for a Healthy and Prosperous New Year,

John Mancini, President

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GENERAL ZINNI & IRAQ

You are no doubt aware that last year's honoree, General A.C. Zinni, is the commander-in-chief of all U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf. Last December's punitive raids against Iraq destroyed many military targets. News reports indicated that, fortunately, very few Iraqi civilians were injured or killed in the attacks.

12th ANNUAL GALA

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AMBASSADOR FULCI AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Our Gala honoree of 1997, Italy's ambassador to the United Nations, Paolo Fulci, announced recently that Italy's efforts to stop a reorganization of the Security Council have met with success, in the foreseeable future. The reorganization would have given permanent seating to Japan and Germany, leaving Italy unrewarded for its global peacekeeping work. Fulci's brilliant tactics in mobilizing the U.N. General Assembly and the fraternal support of all the major Italian-American organizations, including ISI (remember those petitions we asked you to sign?) stymied plans by some European and American politicians to undercut Italy's global status. Although he is scheduled to rotate out of the ambassadorship, Fulci will remain at the U.N. as Italy's "sentinel."

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- * Don't be hassled with all the short-term gimmicks and special offers that bait you to switch long distance companies every few months. Excel does not advertise its bargains. The more you switch around the more you will be liable to get "slammed", (getting switched to another carrier without your permission). *U.S. News & World Report* (Nov. 9, 1998) reported that Excel is a bargain without gimmicks.
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- * If you have kids in college you can sign them up to your own 800 plan (at additional cost) that allows them to call you from their dormitory at the ten cents or seven cents a minute rate. No more collect calls!
- * **2% of all your long distance usage will be contributed to the Institute.** Only Excel offers this contribution.
- * If you have a business, we can cut your costs with one of four commercial plans. Send us a copy of the long distance portion of your bill and we will tell you what you can save.
- * If you would like to be an agent for Ital-Tel to sign up non-members call our office (516) 488-7400.

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ADVISORS TO MEET

Chairman Alfred Cardone of the Advisory Council has scheduled its annual meeting for January 14th at the ISI office in Manhattan. Members of the Council of Governors and ISI officers are invited to participate. Agenda items will include Plenary Council elections in February, ISI program review, political action, and future development activities. Cardone reiterated that the Advisory Council is not just an honorary body. It ultimately judges the performance of all ISI councils against the founding principles.

PIZZULLI ANNOUNCES "BOARD OF FIFTY"

In an effort to promote active Plenary Council membership, Vice President Vincent Pizzulli will revamp the Development Committee as the "Board of Fifty." With Plenary Council membership exceeding 200, Vince hopes to tap fifty of the most influential council members to commit to one table and one ad at the 1999 annual Gala. In exchange, these members will sit on the Development Committee, aka **Board of Fifty**, and have a special voice in funding allocations.

The newly composed Board will have a kick-off cocktail party in Manhattan on January 28th.

AURORA LIGHTS THE WAY

Our *Aurora Youth Program* has suddenly caught fire. Thanks to the awesome networking ability of Program Director Tony DeNonno and Center Coordinator Angelo Merenda, *Aurora* is now the guardian of Italian culture in Metro New York. Albany legislators, county executives, and Italian-American groups are seeing firsthand the way that *Aurora* is turning kids on, regardless of national origin or race. It just took one visit to our new class in the Bronx (Morris Park) to convince local legislators to commit over \$6,000 in new support to the program. The professionalism of our teaching staff, the quality of the lesson plans, and the enthusiasm of the 10- and 11-year olds were enough to move even the most hesitant observer. *Forz' Aurora!*

President John Mancini, creator of *Aurora*, credits the generosity of our General Membership around the nation for providing the seed money for expansion through the National Appeal. "The best is yet to come, if we all keep the faith," asserts Mancini.

**Aurora Level II
begins January 9th
at 10 locations**

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January Almanac

Named for the Roman god Janus, who was depicted with two faces, one looking to the past, and the other to the future.

Jan. 5 - Catherine de Medici, regent of France, dies in 1589. Mother of Charles IX and Henry III, she was implicated in the religious wars that tore France apart, including the St. Bartolomew's Massacre that claimed the lives of hundreds of Protestants.

Jan. 6 - Italians celebrate the **Epiphany** as a national holiday.

Jan. 7 - Astronomer **Galileo Galilei** sights four moons of Jupiter in 1610, after inventing the first practical telescope.

- Baseball great **Tony Conigliaro** is born in 1945. He was the youngest player to reach 100 home runs.

Jan. 8 - **Ella Grasso** is inaugurated in 1975 as the first elected female governor (Connecticut).

Jan. 11 - Italian socialist **Carlo Tresca** is assassinated in New York City in 1943. No culprit was brought to justice and suspects included his Fascist enemies as well as fellow anti-fascists.

Jan. 13 - French novelist **Emil Zola** publishes the newspaper article *J'Accuse* in 1898 which indicted the French Army for anti-Semitism in the Alfred Dreyfus court-martial. Despite years of abuse from the French establishment, Zola was vindicated when Dreyfus was retried and found innocent.

Jan. 20 - Filmmaker **Federico Fellini** is born in 1920. His films, starting with *La Dolce Vita* (The Sweet Life) are classics.

Jan. 24 - Actor **Ernest Borgnine** is born in 1917. He won fame for *Marty* and *Pay or Die* (1960), in which he played New York City's first Italian-American police lieutenant.

Jan. 25 - Mathematician **Giuseppe Luigi La Grangia** (aka LaGrange) is born in Torino in 1764. During the French Revolution he chaired the committee that developed the Metric System.

Jan. 30 - Italy's **Altar of Peace** is dedicated in Rome in 9 B.C by the family of Emperor Augustus. The Altar symbolizes the final unification of Italy under the Romans and the start of the Mediterranean's *Pax Romana* (Roman Peace), which lasted some 200 years.

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