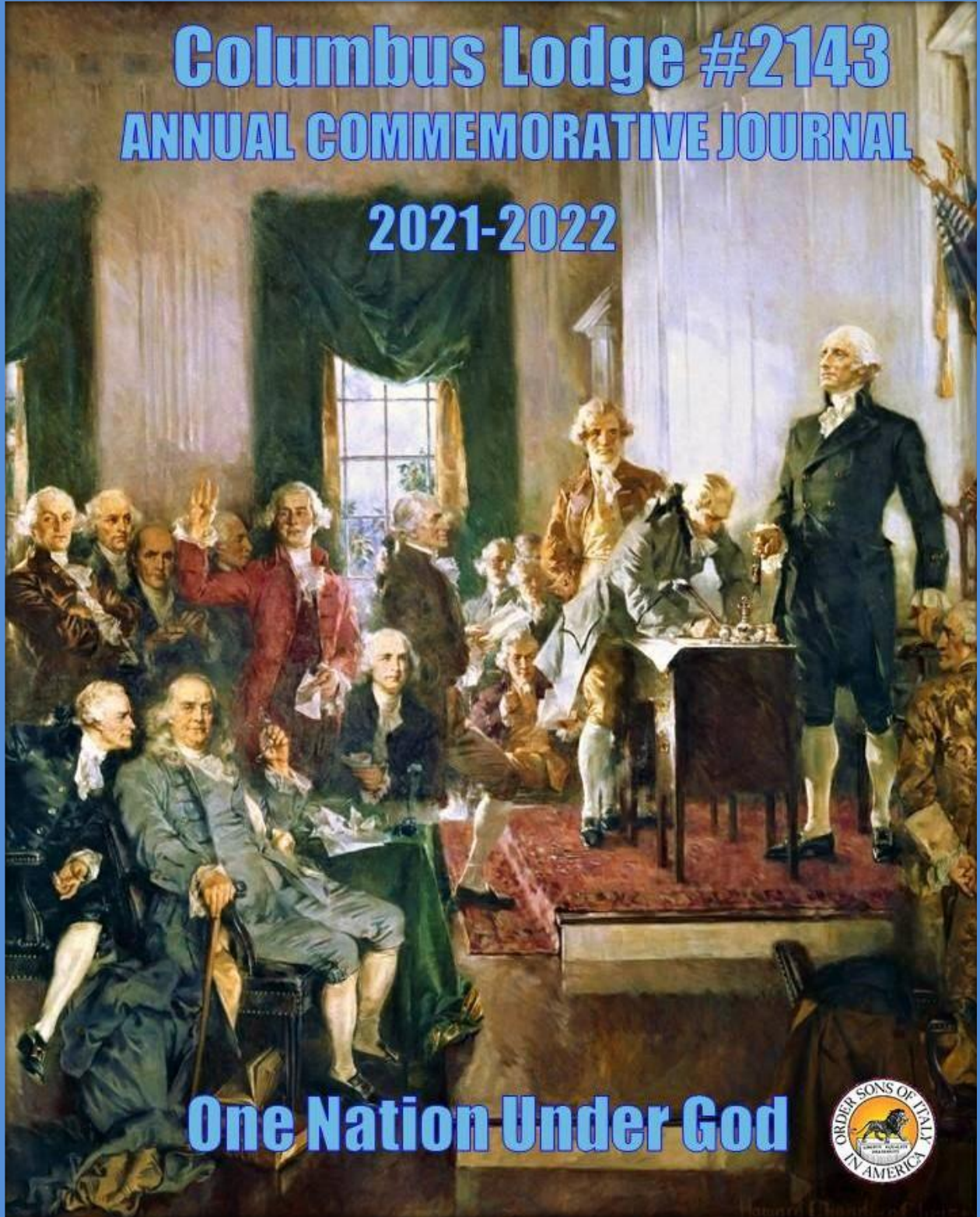


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One Nation Under God





President's Message

January 17, 2021

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends:

Despite all the challenges the Covid-19 virus presented, we rose above the challenge and came up with creative fraternal ideas to keep the lodge moving forward. Communication through zoom, digital journals and Navigators have kept membership engaged.

As we waited for direction from the CDC and the Governor of New York, my primary goal was to be ready to open the lodge when allowed . . . We were ready! Thanks to our Financial Secretary & Scholarship Chairman Bill Murphy, we continued the 43rd tradition of providing scholarships to the community. This past summer we awarded 15 scholarships. Since this program began we have awarded over 636 scholarships.



We held a very successful 25th Anniversary Italian Feast & Festival in September. The beautiful weather and vendors brought big family crowds. Membership support was strong throughout the day! Murray Kaplan's "Welcome Back" dinner/dance in December drew nice support despite Omicron putting fear in many.

Our low point, of course, was the passing of many long time members, including past president Sam Novarro.

As my second term winds down I would like to thank all the Committee Chairmen, throughout the year, who initiate activities. Also, many thanks to our local merchants, civic leaders, and our membership who supported our lodge throughout the years.

Finally, many thanks to my officers and membership for getting us through this unusual period in lodge history. God Bless!

Fraternally,

Gary Caparco
President



Commmemorative Journal Chairman's Message

January 17, 2021

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends:

It is my pleasure to serve as Commemorative Journal chairman. Throughout the years, these journals have allowed us to create a tangible historical document on current lodge events and provide members with information about past and current accomplishments and the people who have led this great Columbus Lodge #2143.

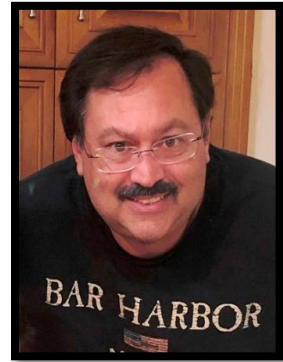
This year's journal begins with photos of those who received scholarship in 2021, 25th Italian Festival, our longevity list of members, and a Year-in-Review pictorial. We proceed with Part II on our report of the Coroniavirus.

In addition, we remember all our recently departed members including our 19th President Sam Novarro. Plus, we have included a memorial listing of all members who have departed since our lodge's inception.

In our *One for the Ages* series, we pay tribute to Pauline "Mrs. Columbus Lodge" Bove. Pauline was a 7-time Ladies Auxiliary President and was affiliated with the lodge of over 55-years before moving to Florida.

I would be remissed if I did not thank our President and his officers for keeping this lodge moving forward and special thank you to our Recording Secretary Wilson Arana, who provided us with the opportunity to have this didgital journal available on our lodge website.

Finally, a special thank you to our Feast & Festival Co-chairmen Tony Ventiera and Bill Murphy for making the 25th Anniversary of our Italian Feast and Festival something special to remember.



Fraternally,

Edward P. Bochynski

Past President &
Commemorative Journal Chairman



2021-2022 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	GARY CAPARCO
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	JAMES RAFFA
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	FRANK FRANCHI
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	FRED BELLISE
ORATOR	JAMIE SAN FILLIPPO JR.
RECORDING SECRETARY	WILSON ARANA
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	WILLIAM MURPHY
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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	PAUL CALISSI

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ROCCO NAPOLI
SAL POLITO

JOE DELIO
KENNETH GEICK

SENTINELS

DAVID GULKO
LOUIS MIRITELLO

NYS GRAND LODGE POSITIONS

NAT'L DELEGATE, NYS RECORDING SEC. & CSJ EXEC BOARD	KEITH WILSON
NYS CSJ EXECUTIVE BOARD	EDWARD P. BOCHYNSKI
DISTRICT II STATE DEPUTY (Columbus Lodge)	AL DeBLASIO
DISTRICT II STATE DEPUTY (Gulotta Lodge)	PHIL GUERRERI JR.
DISTRICT II STATE DEPUTY (Cellini & JMM)	TONY VENTIERA

PAST PRESIDENTS

FRED BELLISE, (2018-20)
ANTHONY MUSARRA, (2016-2018)
PHILLIP GUERRERI JR. (2014-2016)
EDWARD P. BOCHYNSKI (2013-2014)
KEITH WILSON (2011-2013)
ANTHONY VENTIERA (2009-2011)
FRANK GATTO (2007-2009)
SAL PATRONE (2006-2007)
JOSEPH CARBONE (2004-2006)
ANTHONY RAGNO (2002-2004)
FRANK MUSARRA (2000-2002)*
ED BOCHYNSKI SR. (1999-2000)*

VINCENT DE ROSA (1997-1999)*
JOHN JUBA (1996-1997)*
ANTHONY J. MUSARRA (1993-1996)*
ANTHONY SCOTTO (1993-1993)*
DAN A. COLANTONE (1991-1993)*
SAM NOVARTO (1989-1991)*
NELSON GIORDANO (1987-1989)*
ARMOND VELLA (1985-1987)*
MICHAEL IANNONE (1984-1985)
JACK TRINCA (1982-1984)*
GREG GIAMMALVO (1980-1982)
JOSEPH MAGLIATO (1979-1980)*

*DECEASED

PHIL FASULLO (1978-1979)*
JOSEPH CANGEMI (1977-1978)*
VINCENT FLORIANI (1976-77)*
CARL CARDASCIA (1975-1976)
FRANK DI DOMENICA (1974-1975)*
NICHOLAS VIGLIETTA (1972-1974)
JOHN D. DORSI (1970-1972)*
LOUIS AGRESTA (1969-1970)*
JOSEPH SALADINO (1968-1969)*
DOMINICK BARANELLA (1967-1968)*
ANGELO RONCALLO (1966-67)*
P. VINCENT LANDI (1964-1966)*

COLUMBUS LODGE 2021 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS







Christopher Columbus: Myth vs. Fact

1. **MYTH:** Columbus set foot on North American soil at some point now a part of mainland United States.
FACT: Columbus never saw North America. His first landfall was in the Bahamas, probably the current San Salvador. The only current U.S. territories either sighted or visited by Columbus are the U.S. Virgin Islands, which Columbus named on his second voyage, and Puerto Rico. While in anchor of St. Croix (USVI) on November 14, 1493, some of Columbus' crew experienced the first hostile encounter with the Indians.
2. **MYTH:** Columbus found advanced and cultured native civilizations.
FACT: Most of the native tribes Columbus found were barbarians who engaged in bloody tribal wars and, in the case of the Aracks, Caribs, and Canibs slavery, torture, and cannibalism. To survive the native population depended on "slash-and-burn" cultivation of the land along with hunting and fishing. In their struggles for survival, these indigenous people were not the champions of the environment, as sometimes portrayed.
3. **MYTH:** Christopher Columbus was a slave trader.
FACT: Columbus set sail on his fourth and final journey to the New World in May 1502 and returned to Spain in 1504. Although Spain was involved in African slave trade well before Columbus set sail on his first journey to the Americas in 1492, slave trade from the Americas did not develop until 1512 and peaked in 1522 – long after Columbus stopped sailing across the Atlantic
4. **MYTH:** Columbus died a pauper, in chains, in a Spanish prison.
FACT: Despite the fact that the Spanish crown retracted some of the privileges promised to Columbus, he was a relatively rich man at the time of his death. Christopher Columbus died at the age of 55 in Valladolid, Spain, on May 20, 1506 in his own home attended by family and friends.
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6. **MYTH:** Several hundred sailors were aboard the three caravels on the initial voyage in 1492. The ships were relatively large for the anticipated long journey.
FACT: Only 90 men made the first voyage of discovery. The ships were quite tiny—no longer than a tennis court, and less than 30 feet wide. The Santa Maria had 40 men aboard, the Pinta, 26, and the Nina, 24. Only the Nina and the Pinta returned to Spain, as the Santa Maria was shipwrecked on Christmas Day, 1492. 39 men volunteered to stay behind on the northern coast of present-day Haiti; they all perished at the hands of the Indians (or indigenous people) prior to the return of Columbus the following year.



Above, Christopher Columbus (a/k/a Lou Gallo) makes a National plea to Save Columbus Day.

Source: International Columbian Quincentenary Alliance and OSIA.ORG/CSJ



COLUMBUS LODGE #2143
Active Membership Longevity List
25 Consecutive Years or More
1964-2021

1964-71

(MEMBER 50-58 YEARS)

Nick Viglietta, #286- LM
Salvatore La Gumina, #28-LM
Pete Gisonda, #396-LM

Jack LaGrassa, #539
Richard Fitzpatrick, #1053

Carl Cardasia, #1611- LM
Michael Iannone, #1730- LM
Fred Marfoglio, #1758

1972-1981

(MEMBER 40-49 YEARS)

Philip Daniel, #2194
Angelo Arestive, #2297
Joseph Riccardo, #2322
Greg Giammalvo, #2418
Paul Riccobono, #2803
Francesco Lombardi, #2824
Eddie Esposito, #2862-LM

Angello Delligati, #2874
Daniel Philips, #2914
Sal Moschella, #2917-LM
Anthony Montano, #2924
Carmile Gargiullo, #2940
Arthur Del Re, #2943
Ray Colucci, #2979

Tony Novarro, #2987
Frank DiVittorio, #3001
Robert Rottkamp, #3006
Leonard Mormeno, #3037
Fred Penna Jr., #3039
Louis Miritello, #3057

1982-1991

(MEMBER 30-39 YEARS)

Loreto Capogna, #3170
Richard Ravalico, #3178-LM
Peter De Liso, #3198
Anthony Mignone, #3224
Frank Janoscak, #3227
Joseph Pontieri, #3231
Steve Labriola, #3286

Sam Cardillo, #3308
Brian Sanders, #3314
Joseph Pasale, #3327
Frank Tiscione, #3330-LM
Perry Coletti, #3342
Edward P Bochynski, #3343-LM
Stephen Bucaria, #3351

Tony Ragno, #3361-LM
Joseph T. Cangemi, #3363
Joseph Contorno, #3366
Dominick Nesci, #3390
Patrick Eanniello, #3405
John DeGregorio, #3406

1992-1996

(MEMBER 25-29 YEARS)

Tony Ventiera #3440-LM
Louis Capponi, #3447
Arthur "Art" Venesia, #3449
Edward Di Cicco, #3463
Paul De Stefano, #3468
Frank Nocerino, #3477
Paul Calissi, #3484
Nicholas DeStefano, #3485
Leonard Scudera, #3489
Mike Bonavia, #3502

Frank Gatto, #3507-LM
Michael Mastellone, #3527
Joe Carbone, #3539-LM
Michael DeSantis, #3543
Joe Smeraldi, #3544
Sal Petrone, #3546-LM
Lenny Mele, #3547
Vincent Castrataro #3549
Charles DiPrima, #3557
Pasquale Palumbo, #3566

Anthony Carbone, #3567
Frank Beltrani, #3568
Michael Viscuse, #3580
Edward Mangano, #3582
Vincent "Jimmy" d'Accordo, #3584
Edward Bader Jr., #3593
Rocco Napoli, #3600
Joe Del Vecchio, #3610
Neil Ferrara, #3615
Mauro Gasparini, #3618

YEAR 2021: A COVID-19 PANDEMIC, Part II

By Ed Bochynski, January 7, 2022

Goodbye 2020, welcome 2021! Although the 2021 year began where we left off there was hope. The new FDA emergency approval gave the thumbs up for the two shot vaccine produced by Pfizer and Moderna for distribution. In limited clinical trials these vaccines had a 98% success rate against the virus.

The “playbook” was to slow down and stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus by vaccination. The initial problem was supply and demand due to overwhelming support for vaccination. As the vaccination process continued slowly, total U.S. COVID-19 deaths continued to rise. As reported by John Hopkins University Hospital, the one year anniversary of America shutting down reported a cumulative death total of 527M on March 13th and 29.4M total cases.



December, 2020 Photo: Sandra Lindsey, an intensive care nurse at LIJ Medical Center became, was the first person in the United State to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Observing is Michael J. Dowling, CEO of Northwell Health, NYS's largest health care provider.

Columbus Lodge #2143 President Gary Caparco continued to follow Governor Cuomo’s State guidelines and keep the doors of the lodge closed through March. The lodge installed their officers through an internet ceremony on March 10th. All “Chair” officers were reelected.

Efforts to accelerate the vaccination process gained speed once the FDA approved the Johnson & Johnson one shot vaccine. Although not as affective, it allowed for a greater number of people to be vaccinated faster.

Many fraternal and non-fraternal organizations saw a severe drop in fund-raising and membership from

the prior year. Two NYS Sons of Italy lodges had no choice but to merge together and several others are on the brink of collapse. Because of the proactive decisions taken by the Columbus Lodge Council, initiatives put in place allowed the lodge to continue its scholarship program while retaining +95% of its membership.

The spread of the COVID-19 virus dropped dramatically. By April, a loosening of restrictions and in-person lodge meetings began. The COVID-19 vaccines continued to be distributed throughout the year. In May, the Grand Lodge virtually elected its new president Michele Ment. In June, the number of U.S. Covid-19 deaths inched over 600 and NYS infection rate decreased to .8 in 2.5M. The Governor removed most restrictions and the lodge proceeded with their scholarship ceremony, annual picnic, and a L.I. Ducks baseball outing.

All signs indicated that we were moving in the direction when the delta variance arrived. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) warned that this was a stronger strain of Covid. The first signs of the delta variant appeared in India and moved to the Southwest of the U.S. It is believe the undocumented people crossing the border of Mexico brought it to Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. By late summer it surfaced in New York.

By mid-Sept., non-vaccinated patients accounted for 85% of the hospital stays while patients vaccinated Pfizer and Moderna showed over 99.8% immunity or mild symptoms (40% from the J&J one shot vaccine). The CDC authorized vaccinations to include children 12-18. Teachers and health care workers were told to get vaccinated or lose their job.

Despite the delta variance, the 25th Anniversary of the lodge’s “Feast & Festival” was held with great success. After our “Welcome Back” dance in December, the Omicron variant emerged from Africa. By Christmas the Omicron strain spread quickly throughout the U.S., accounting for 73% new cases. Again, being vaccinated resulted in milder symptoms while high risk, hospitalized patients were being given the monoclonal antibody, when available. Total deaths in the US, thru Dec. 30th passed 825,000.

This virus will remain with us well into 2022 but the longer it lingers the more wisdom we gain.

Louis “Lou” Carbone

“Always Fun to Be Around”

A longtime Holbrook resident, **LOUIS THOMAS CARBONE**, died on March 29, 2021 of COVID related causes, according to his brother John. Louis was 83 years old.

Installed into Columbus Lodge on May 26, 1999 and given membership #3746, Lou is the younger brother of Past President Joe Carbone. Louie was elected to the Council as Trustee and served from 2004-2008.

Born on January 6, 1938 and raised in Brooklyn, NY, Lou and his brothers grew up as “old-school” Italian kids from “the neighborhood.” He played stickball with future Yankee Joe Pepitone, was married, had a son & daughter, and was widowed. He had a happy-go-luck easy going personality and always showed concern regarding his fraternal brothers. “Lou always, always, always asked how my father was doing,” said Past President Edward P. Bochynski.



In a 2017 Photo at Columbus Lodge are, from left, are Joseph Manfre, Lou Carbone, Frank Gatto and Mario Daquaro.

Lou’s 15-minutes of fame occurred on September 27, 2017. NY Times reporter Corey Kilgannon visited the lodge to discuss TOB Supervisor Joe Saladino’s promise to take “all unwanted Christopher Columbus statues” after NYC Mayor Bill deBlasio’s threat to remove them from NYC. Having met Lou on that afternoon, the reporter was drawn toward Lou’s zeal for life and humor. An unplanned photo of Lou would appear nationwide (see above) in the NY Times.

During Lou’s time at the lodge he loved going to lodge dances and lit up the dance floor at every opportunity, but playing a game of cards was his passion. He was often seen at both the afternoon and evening lodge poker games.

“All of us at the lodge will miss Lou (Carbone) dearly,” said Gary Caparco, current President of Columbus Lodge.

Jack J. Bove

“Half a Century of Memories”

The sixth longest active member, who also served over 56 years, has died. The Columbus Lodge mourns the loss of **JACK BOVE**, who died in his Florida home on October 2, 2021, he was 92.

Born in Queens, NY on March 22, 1929, Jack Bove would serve honorably in the U.S. Navy, marry Angelina (Angie), and move to Long Island to raise his family. He joined Columbus Lodge on September 15, 1965 and was given membership #858. His quiet, reserve demeanor was in contrast to the breath of the membership of the 60’s & 70’s but it was a positive trait that was remembered by many.



In a 1999 Photo, Back Row (l to r): Sylvia Valinoti, Jack Bove, Kenny Parker, and Jeanne Gatto. Front Row: Vincent Valinoti, Sonny and Pauline Bove.

In 1967, Jake convinced his older brother Sonny to become a member. The two brothers would serve as members of the lodge, a combined 108+ years (a lodge record). In addition, Sonny’s initiation into the lodge led to the entrance of the “legendary” Pauline Bove into the Ladies Auxiliary. Pauline would serve seven terms as president of the Auxiliary.

During the 1980s, Jack was an active member who was always volunteering to lend a helping hand. He served as a lodge officer during the 1990s, first, elected Sentinel and then Trustee, followed by an appointment to Principle Trustee (1999). He also served as Commissioner of Arbitration (2002). And for many years, he served on both the Children’s Christmas Party committee and Vegas committee. Jack and Angie also attended many dances and social event at the lodge.

“I liked him. He was always pleasant and friendly,” said Mike Bonavia, who served as an officer with Jack.

In recent years, Jack’s failing vision limited his ability to attend lodge meetings and events. He moved from his Hauppauge home to Florida for his remaining years. Angie preceded Jack on November 1, 2018.

Joseph “Joe” Bermudez

“A Humble Servant & Humanitarian”

The oldest member in Columbus Lodge history, **JOSEPH BERMUDEZ**, died June 2, 2021; he was 98 years old. Encouraged to become a member of the lodge by his good friend Armand Vella, (who would later serve a lodge President), Joe was installed on June 25, 1980 and given membership #3019. He was voted lifetime member in 2005 and was featured in the 1999 Columbus Lodge Scholarship Journal’s “*One for the Ages*” series.



The Kitchen Crew in a Dec. 2000 Photo (l to r): Joe Bermudez, Frank DiFazio, Frank Salemon, and Tony Caola.

Joe’s early involvement with the lodge began by helping then-President Armand Vella on the Vegas committee, and the lodge’s softball program. He served on the Counsel and rose to the level of Trustee. During the 1990s the NYS Grand Lodge chose the Nassau County Special Olympic as their charity of choice. Joe obtained volunteers from his lodge and coordinated the event for the next three years.

Among Joe’s credits were: (1) Editor of the Navigator for 8-years (winning a State award for best newsletter layout in 2000); (2) A volunteer for the first fourteen *Italian Feast & Festivals* (1997-2010); (3) Served over 20 years on the Children’s Christmas Party and lodge picnic; (5) Chaired the Sunday Softball Program for 10-years; (6) Served 10-years on the Vegas committee; (7) Always attended wakes of departed members through 2016 when he couldn’t get around; (8) And is fondly remembered for his time served on the kitchen crew, picnic and Scholarship Luncheon committees. No one rolled a cold cut platter better than Joe Bermudez.

Born in Key West, FL on March 21, 1923, Joseph Bermudez was raised in Brooklyn, NY he is a member of the “greatest generation.” When World War II broke out, Joe volunteered and fought bravely. After the war, through cousins, he met Leonardo (“Lee”). The two were married on April 11, 1950 and have been together for over 71-

years until his passing. Joe enjoyed a 45-year career with TWA as a Maintenance Supervisor. During that time he moved his family to Farmingdale, LI where Joe and Lee raised three sons (Robert, Kenneth, & Richard) and five grandchildren.

Joe volunteered at other organizations that needed his help. In 1999 the Arthritis Foundation presented a *Special Recognition Award*. And in 2010, Joe was presented with a *Nassau County Certificate of Recognition* for his years of hard work and selflessly giving up his “time to others” at the Daleview Nursing Home. At the time, Nassau County Legislator Joseph V. Belesi told Joe, “You are a credit to your families, friends, and especially the community of Farmingdale.”

Unquestionably, Joe Bermudez will be remembered who humbly served the lodge and was a popular member who spoke kind words of his fellow fraternal brothers. Our loss of Joe’s link in our chain cannot be replaced.

Nicholas “Nick” M. Mauro

“Supported Education Programs”

An OSIA award recipient of the Vincent Sellaro Award in 2007; the President’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009; and the Bene Emeritus Award in 2019, has died. **NICK MAURO** passed away on May 31, 2021, he was 88 years old. Nick quietly and without fanfare was a financial contributor to the Columbus Lodge Scholarship Journal for many years.

Nick Mauro was born on February 16, 1934 and raised in Perth Amboy, NJ. He attended University College in Oregon. In 1957 he began his service in the U.S. Army, serving in the Military Police until 1962. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service during his tour in France. It was there he met and married his first wife Ginette Gaugry until her passing in 1989. The couple had a son and daughter. Nick met and married his second wife Charlotte in 1993 until her passing in 2000. He then met and has been in a committed relationship with Marian Palazzolo since 1996. Nick had a successful career working for the Thom McCann Shoe Company until his retirement in 1996.

Nick’s Sons of Italy accomplishments were numerous. He served as President (1995-97) of the Sellaro Lodge #2319 and remained an active member until his passing. He served the Grand Lodge with distinction as a NYS delegate at the National Convention. He was awarded the Vincent Sellaro Award in 2007; the President’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009 honorably; and the Bene Emeritus Award in 2019. He was elected to the National OSIA Commission of Arbitration.

Nick was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and American Legion.

Louis “Lou” J. Gallo Jr.

“A legend in CSJ History”

The first OSIA casualty for the year 2022 came on January 8th when **LOU GALLO** died from Covid-19 complication, he was 75 years old. Lou’s passion for his Italian heritage, his “History in a Box” presentation, his affection for Columbus Lodge, and his CSJ accomplishments elevated him onto the short-list of highly influential OSDIA members over the past 20 years. “Lou will be remembered as a legendary figure in CSJ history,” said CL’s Ed Bochynski.

Lou Gallo joined OSIA in 2002 and served in numerous local lodge council positions and committees before being elected president of the P. Vincent Landi Lodge, (named after Columbus Lodge’s foundering first president), and served from 2008-10.

Lou elevated to the Grand Lodge serving as District 1 State Trustee (2010-12), Co-Chairman of the State Public Relations Committee (2012-2013), and invited onto the State CSJ Executive Board (from 2013 until his passing). After Lou was appointed CSJ Chairman (2013-17), his passion for preserving the historical accuracy of Christopher Columbus became his mission. For the past eight years, his nearly eighty (80) presentations in full Columbus wardrobe was intended to dispel and educate the inaccurate allegations about Columbus.



Above, Lou Gallo (a/k/a Christopher Columbus) with NYPD finest at the 2021 NYC Columbus Day Parade.

Lou’s mission expanded to saving the statue in Columbus Circle and he was invited to march in many Columbus Day parades including the annual NYC parade down 5th Avenue; where people stood on line to get a photo with the Columbus dressed Lou Gallo. In many circles, it is believed Lou transformed himself into Columbus. One couldn’t think of Columbus without thinking of Lou Gallo.

Through the Gift of Sight, Lou became involved and then served as Chairman of the Helen Keller Summer

Camp Day for the blind. He, also, supported the Gift of Sight providing funds to train seeing-eye dogs.

Lou’s Columbus Lodge ties began with Past President Keith Wilson. Through Wilson, Lou was invited to the annual scholarship awards presentations where he educated high school students about Italian heritage. He contributed historical information to the lodge’s “50th Anniversary Journal” plus he attended the Gala event (2014). He supported many lodge events, most recently the Dec. 4th “Welcome Back Dance.” And Lou is also responsible for inviting both Ed Bochynski and Keith Wilson onto the NYS CSJ Executive Board; both men are still serving today.



Above, the 2018 CSJ event honoring Lou Gallo (center) with (l to r) Fred and Sandy Bellise and Margie and Ed Bochynski.

Louis J. Gallo, Jr. was born the oldest of 6 children to Louis and Anne Gallo on May 1, 1946, at Mother Cabrini Hospital in New York City. His family lived in the Bronx until 1956, when they moved to Plainview, Long Island. He graduated with an A.A. degree from NCC and transferred to the State University at Albany where he met his future wife Linda Della Villa. He graduated from the University with a B.A. degree and in 1968 an M.A. degree in Social Studies Education. Also, in 1968 he married Linda, moved to Suffolk County and began teaching Social Studies at Longwood High School in Middle Island. On several occasions he was selected in the prestigious publication “Who’s Who in American High Schools.” Lou remained there for 33 years and retired in 2001.

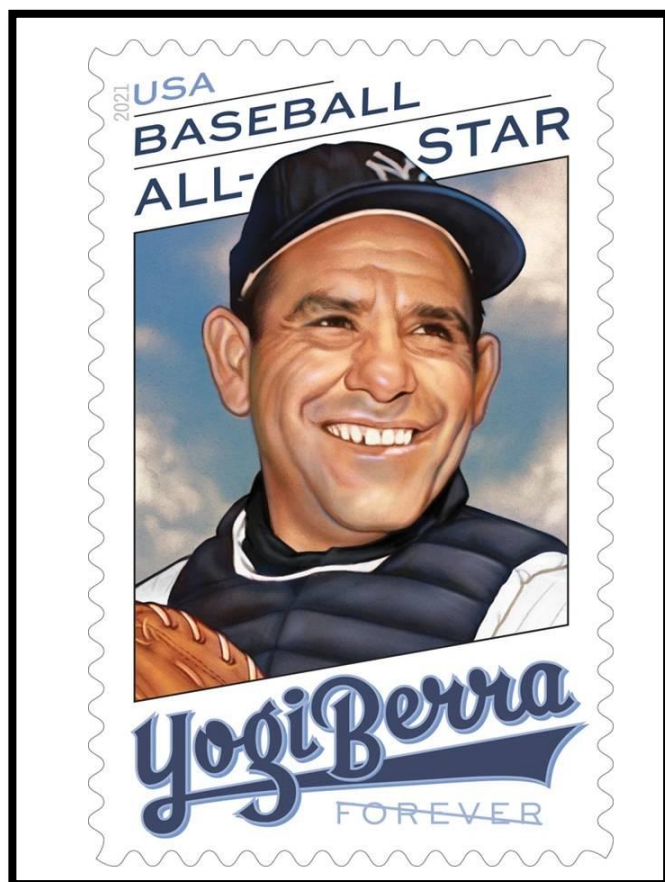
In the 1980’s Lou Gallo became interested in politics and ran for several council and legislative positions. He was appointed Brookhaven Town Chairman of the Accessory Apartment Review Board (1996-2002) and a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (2002-2006). He was also the Executive Producer and Host of a public access cable TV show entitled “Republican Perspective” for 12 years.

Lou Gallo leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Linda, three grown children and four grandchildren.

Lawrence “Yogi” Berra

“It ain’t over till it’s over”

Hall of Fame New York Yankee catcher, coach, and team manager **Lawrence “Yogi” Berra** was honored on a United States stamp in 2021. Berra, who died in 2015 at age 90, is one of six new stamp and postage stationary subjects announced January 15 by the U.S. Postal Service announced.



The 2021 Yogi Berra Stamp.

Yogi Berra’s ties with Columbus Lodge #2143 are more than just his Italian heritage. Columbus Lodge paid tribute to Yogi’s accomplishments on Italian Night at Sea Stadium in Flushing, NY in 1965. Among the honors bestowed to Berra by Columbus Lodge President P. Vincent Landi was being selected as the first Honorary Member of Columbus Lodge #2143. It would take nearly 45 years before Vincenzo Ventiera was selected as the second honorary member.

Ventiera, a NYS judge, served as NYS Grand Lodge President, was a Bene Emeritus recipient, represented the Grand Lodge as presiding Harold at Columbus Lodge’s initial installation of officers in Feb. 13, 1964, and the father of lodge Past-President Tony Ventiera.

John Venditto Honored

On June 26, 2021, just a couple of days following the end of the NYS National Emergency, hundreds would pack into Maria Regina Church in Seaford to pay their respects to the man they called boss, colleague, fraternal brother, uncle, husband, dad and/or granddad - **JOHN VENDITTO**.

Michael Venditto gave a loving eulogy honoring the memory of his father and the lasting impression his dad had upon him. Michael’s sister Joanna and his brother Nicholas read passages from the Bible and his pastor for twelve years, Msgr. Peter Pflomm, gave a wonderful tribute about the humble man he knew.



June 26, 2021: Michael Venditto at our Lady of Lourdes Church in Seaford, NY, paying tribute to his father John Venditto.

Among the dignitaries were five Columbus Lodge presidents: Gary Caparco, Ed Bochynski, Phil Guerrieri, Tony Ventiera, and Keith Wilson. They were joined by nearly twenty of their fellow lodge members.

Although John Venditto would not have wanted a fuss nor a tribute, this 40-year member of Columbus Lodge left us with memories on the impact he had in our lives. He will remain in our hearts forever. It’s been said, always so long but never good bye. John, until we meet again, we part saying so long.

TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF OUR FALLEN MEMEMBERS

Our destination is a place far greater than we know. For some the journey’s quicker. For some the journey’s slow. And when the journey finally ends, we’ll claim a great reward. And find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord.

We remember you . . .

Jack Bove 10.2.2021 – 92 y/o

Sam Novarro – Sept 6, 2021 – 91 y/o

Joseph Bermudez, June 2, 2021 - 98 y/o

Louis T. Carbone, March 29, 2021 – 83 y/o

Lou Gallo, January 8, 2022- 75 y/o

Remembering **SANTO “SAM” NOVARRO** *“A Man of Patience and Perseverance”*

Santo “Sam” Novarro was born on August 8, 1930 and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He married Anita in ‘57, moved to Farmingdale, and raised three children (Douglas, Tony, and Lori). Sam served over 20-years as a NYC police officer in Brooklyn, NY. He was pounding a beat in the 1950s when he met a fellow officer Sal Moschella. The two would cross paths 20-years later. After he retired from the force, he taught at Farmingdale State College and was owner and operator of his own SHS Real Estate. These positions would help prepare him for future leadership roles.

Sponsored by future lodge President Mike Iannone, Sam was installed as member #2571 on September 25, 1974. Four years later he would sponsor his friend Sal Moschella; Sal would serve 20-years as Editor of the Grand Lodge newspaper. Sam’s wife Anita would join the Ladies Auxiliary and both became actively involved in lodge activities throughout the 1980s. Anita would go on to serve as president of the Ladies Auxiliary (1984-86) before becoming president of the now defunct Ann Bambino Lodge.

For Sam, after a fifteen year journey that was filled with many twists and turns, he closed out the decade of the 1980s by being installed as the 19th president of Columbus Lodge on March 5, 1989; he would serve two terms. “If you want something badly enough you will learn to be patient and persistent until it comes to you,” said the newly elected 58-year old president.

President Novarro served during the lodge’s 25th Anniversary celebration. Then-NYS Governor Mario Cuomo wished the lodge continued success. President Novarro ran economical meetings and handled Crystal Palace tenant issues and fraternal issues in a serene manner. Vegas Night revenue would continue as a strong fundraiser and allowed for the scholarship program to expand to four high schools in the community. In 1990, President Novarro hosted a testimonial honoring then out going State President Nick Viglietta.

After serving as president, Sam continued his commitment to the lodge by chairing numerous committees including membership and mortuary & welfare. He sponsored his brother Lenny into the lodge in 1998; Lenny would serve 12 years as chaplain. In 1999, Sam volunteered and successfully led a task force that found a new tenant for the lodge; his real estate background aided in this success.

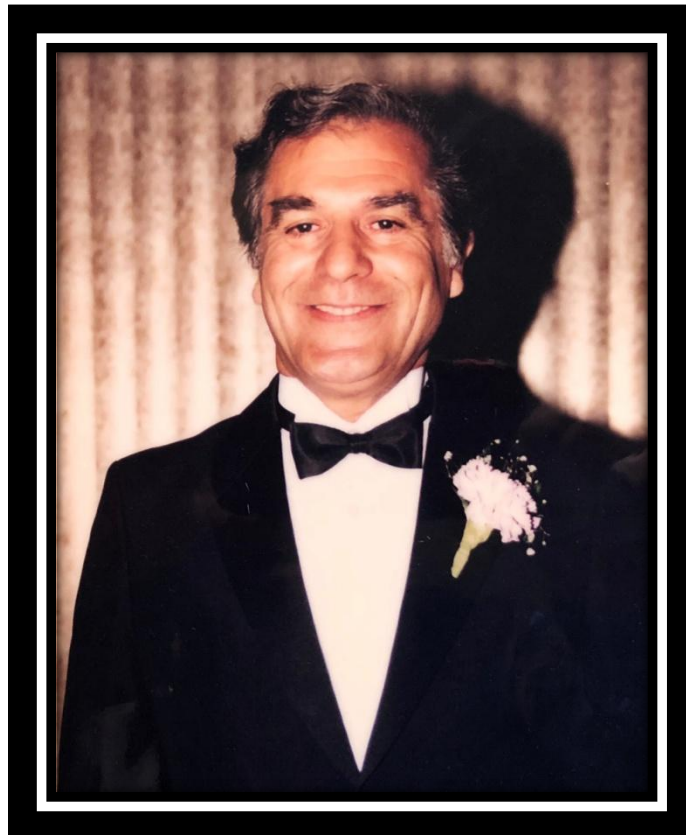
Sam’s involvement in the Grand Lodge expanded in the late 1990s. He was appointed on three occasions as State Deputy to the following lodges: the Loggio Glen Cove Lodge, Giuseppi Verdi Lodge, and the Giovanni Caboto Lodge, in successive order serving from 1998-2004. He was regularly elected to serve as lodge delegate at the annual State convention and in 2004 he was selected as a Lifetime member of lodge. In his later years, Sam rarely attends Council meetings but enjoyed afternoon visits at the lodge and seeing his four grandchildren. His last public appearance was the lodge’s 50th Anniversary Gala held on January 18, 2014.

Sam and his wife Anita are only one of four couples to have served as president of the lodge and president of the auxiliary, respectively. Sam remained in his Farmingdale home until a recent transfer to a nursing home facility. After several months of suffering a variety of ailments, Sam finished watching his favorite team, the Mets, loose and then died peacefully on September 6, 2021, he was 91.

Memory of Santo “Sam” Novarro

(August 1, 1930 – September 6, 2021)

19TH PRESIDENT OF COLUMBUS LODGE (1989-1991)
NYS STATE DEPUTY (1998-2004)



From
The Members of Columbus Lodge #2143

In Memory of our Deceased Members

† May They Rest In Peace †

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Joseph Bermudez

Santo "Sam" Novarro

Jack Bove

NOTE: **BOLD type** denotes Past President of Columbus Lodge.



One for the Ages: A Tribute to Pauline Bove “Mrs. Columbus Lodge”

Pauline Bove was born in 1928. She would live through the Great Depression, World War II, see the first man on the moon, and meet the love of her life. Unknowingly, that love, Sonny Bove, would lead Pauline into a journey she never imagined.



In a February 1999 Photo: Sonny and Pauline Bove at a Chateau Le Mere event.

Sonny became a widower with children in 1965. He would meet Pauline, a High School Principal, would fall in love, and married her on Nov. 19, 1966. Pauline embraced his children and raised them as her own in their Massapequa Park home.

Sonny joined the Columbus Lodge #2143 in 1967 and shortly thereafter Pauline would join the Ladies' Auxiliary. At that time know one could have foreseen that over the next 50 years Pauline would be elected to seven (7) terms as President of the Ladies Auxiliary, handle generations of challenging male personalities with grace and in a persuasive manner. She would end up one of the most respected people in a men's Lodge.

In the early 1970s many of the Ladies Auxiliary leaders defected to a newly formed women's lodge (Ann Bambino Lodge #2352). The fallout left the Auxiliary and Columbus Lodge with a serious void. Because of her obvious leadership skills CL President Joe Cangemi reach out to Pauline and several others and asked them to revitalize the

Auxiliary. In 1978 Pauline was installed to the first of her seven terms. Cangemi put her on the scholarship selection committee and the following year she was reelected president during difficult times. It was these times the Sonny provided needed support.

Pauline and Sonny serve forty years on Scholarship committee and would also be longtime financial supporters of the scholarship journal. Since Sonny's passing on April 7, 2019 Pauline has dedicated her journal ad to him. "I will take a journal page every year until I am no longer here," said Pauline, in a Dec. 2019 conversation.

Pauline and Sonny were involved in the Children's Christmas Party. At first, providing gifts to orphanages and then coordinating and buying gifts for the lodge children. Pauline made sure Santa had a gift for each child. And during the 1980s to mid-90s she insured Auxiliary participation in fundraising through Vegas Nights committee.

In 2014, Pauline and Sonny were, fittingly, called to assist at the lodge's 50th Anniversary Gala. Like clockwork, the two organized and made sure each honored past president (all seventeen) receive their special gift.



Ms. Pauline Bove (third from the right) in a 2014 photo taken at the lodge's 50th Anniversary Gala.

Pauline would be asked to lead the Auxiliary on three occasions during the 1990s and came back for an encore in 2016-2018 for a sixth and seventh term. Pauline's devotion to Columbus Lodge continued until 2019 when Pauline moved to The Villages, FL. She soon discovered "They don't have a Sons of Italy down here. I want to start one," she stated with determination. And she will.

In 2021 Pauline became Chairperson of the Education Committee at a Florida K of C. Although many miles separate her from 2143 Boundary Ave., she always remains with us.

Keep up the Good work Columbus Lodge #2143



*Nicholas & Maureen
Viglietta*

CHARTER MEMBER

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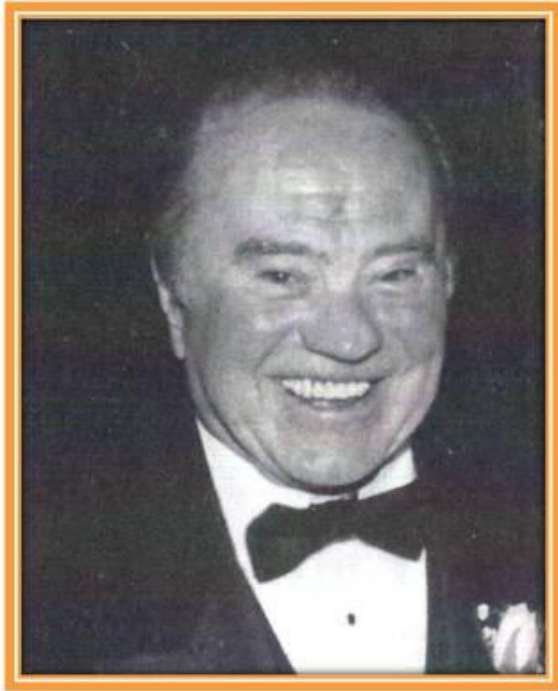
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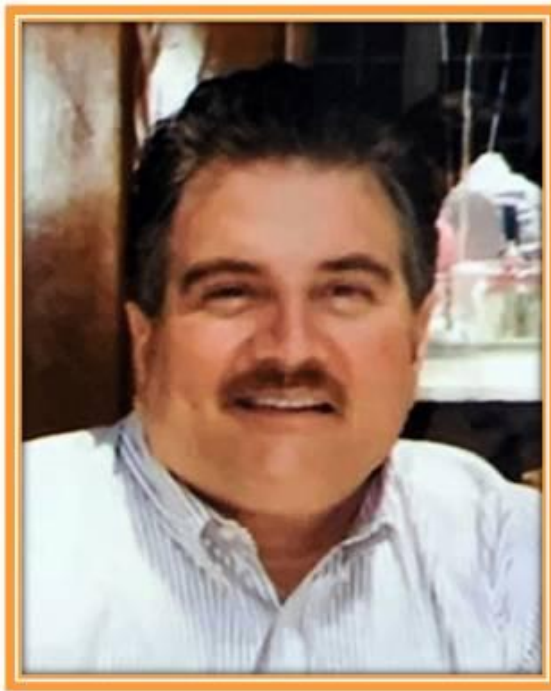


From
Your Friends at
Columbus Lodge #2143

In Honor and Loving Memory of . . .



GIOVANNI CAPOGNA



MICHAEL A. CAPOGNA

**You will forever be in our hearts and will continue
to be in our source of strength and inspiration.**

All our love forever,

*Loreto, John, Anthony
And
Your loving family*

In Loving Memory of . . .

Louise Bochynski
&
Past President Ed Bochynski



Lovingly,
Margie & Edward P. Bochynski
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NYS CSJ Executive Board 2016-Present

HON. ANGELO D. RONCALLO

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Daughter JEAN RONCALLO

1959-2020



Always Remembered

THE RONCALLO FAMILY

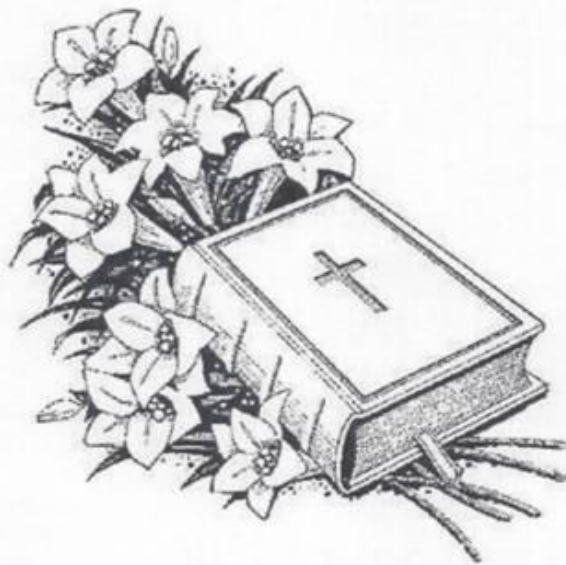
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of

PAST PRESIDENT

Anthony Scotto

*OUR LIVES WILL NEVER BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU.
YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS.*



ALWAYS REMEMBERED

Your Loving Family

In Loving Memory of . . .

STEPHEN D. LaSCALA

All our love forever,

Jo LaScala and Family

– In Loving Memory –

John Michael Bove

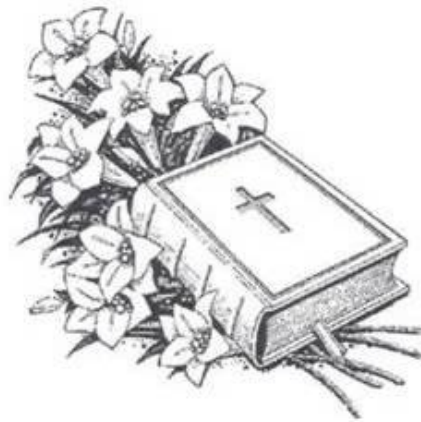
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Salvatore J. Bove

“Sonny”

1923 - 2018

YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS



Pauline Bove & Family

Past President Ladies Auxiliary

In Loving Memory of . . .

LOUIS BARRELLA

Always Loved & Remembered

Lenore Barrella
Past President, Ladies Auxiliary

AND

Your Family

In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Son

CAPT. JOHN S. MOSCHELLA - FDNY

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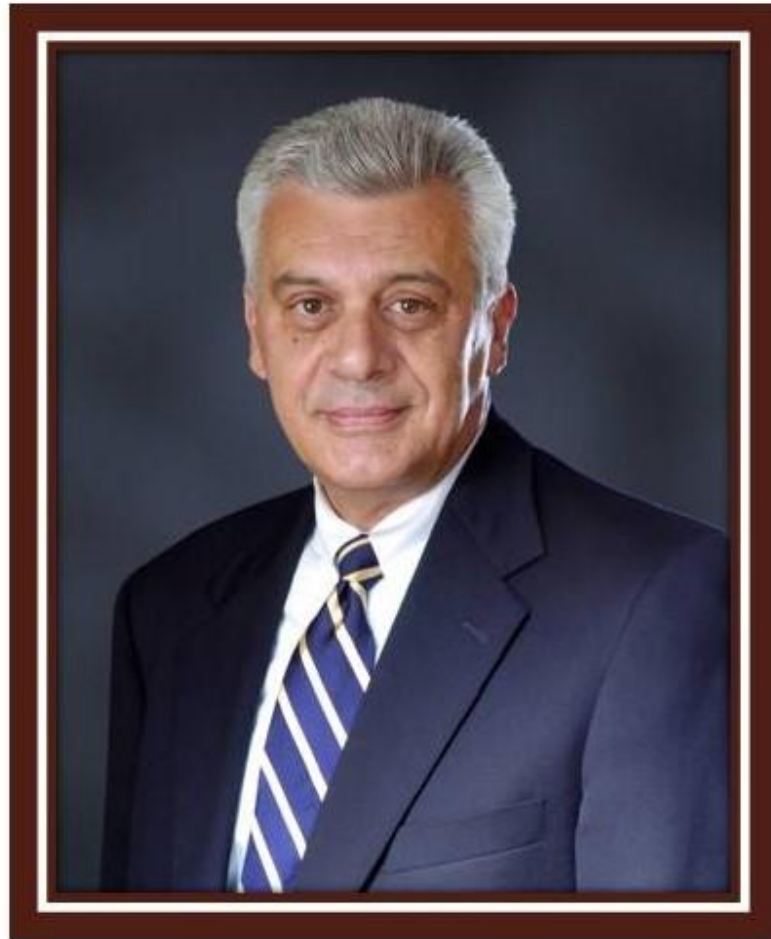
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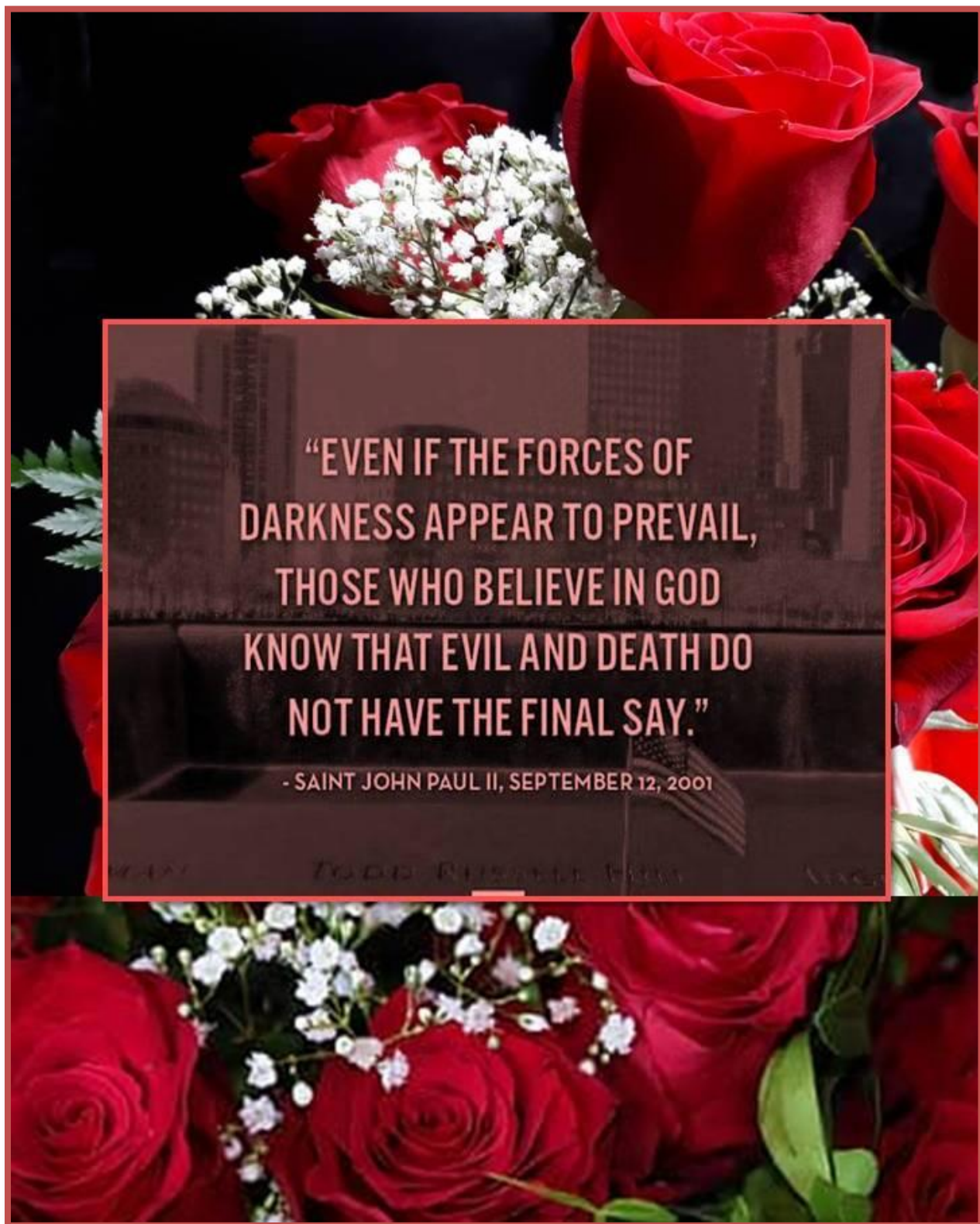
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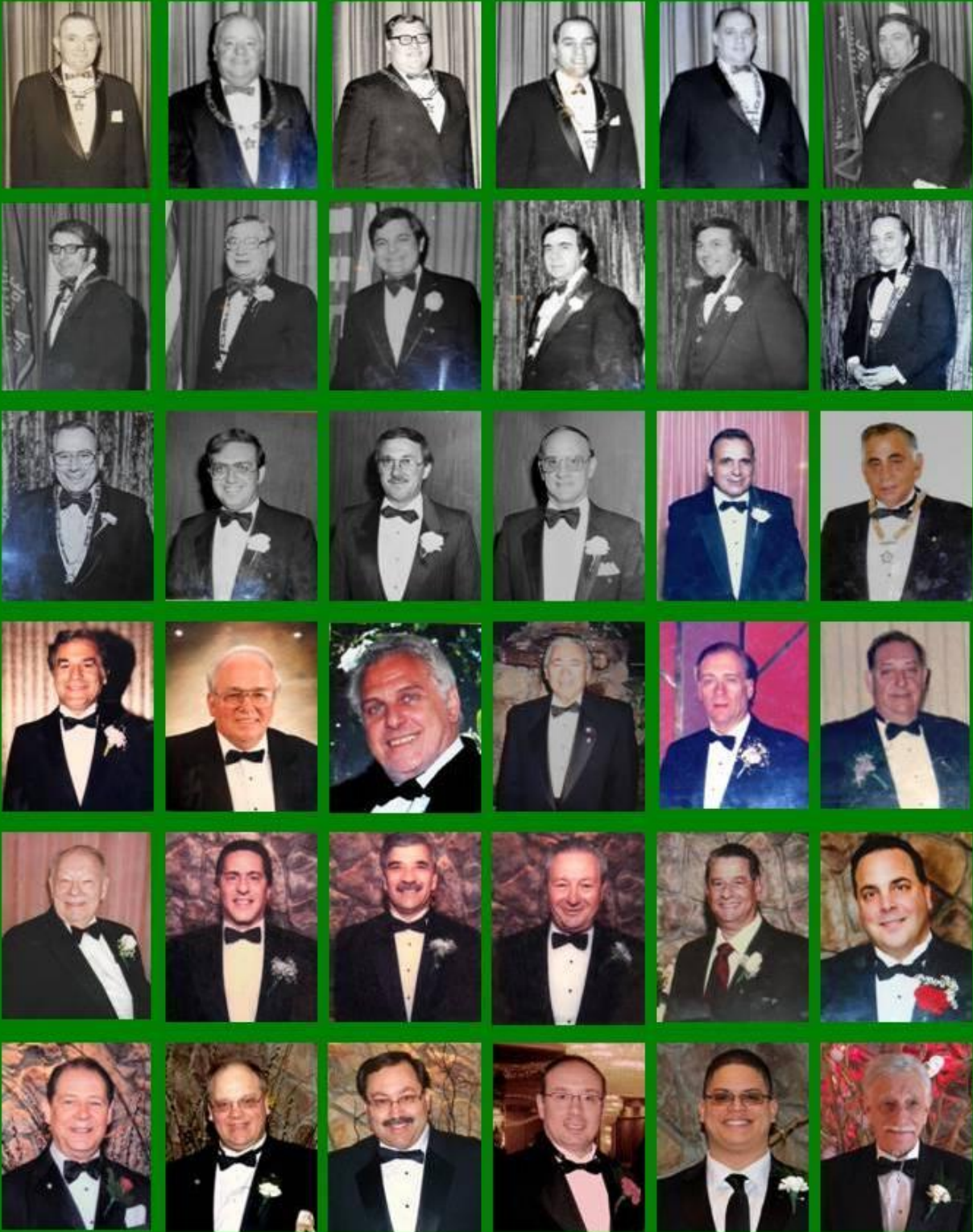
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