

Columbus Lodge #2143

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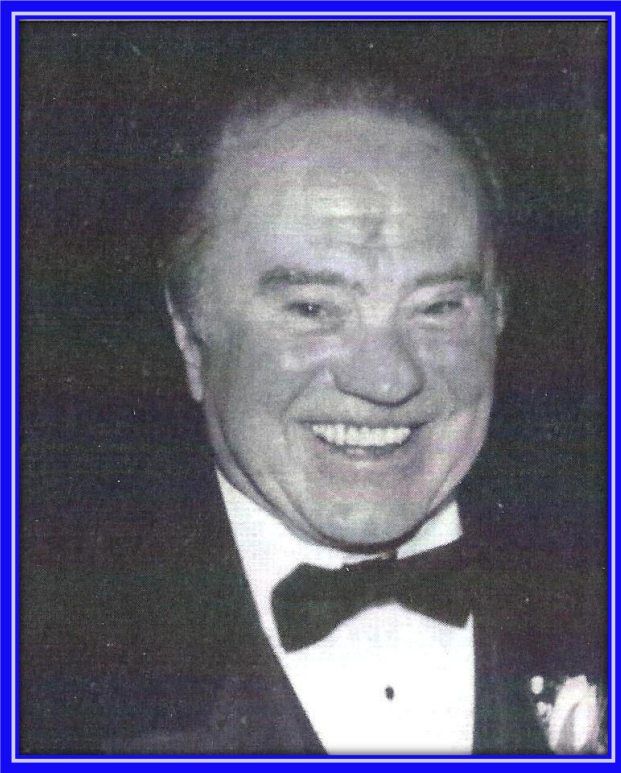
2022-2023



TESTIMONIAL HONORING
FRED BELLISE



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***



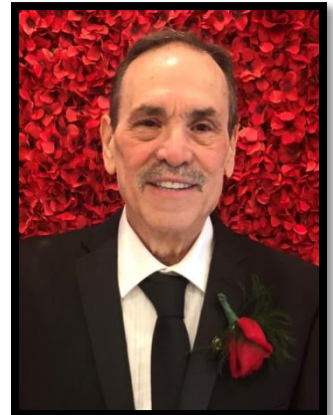
President's Message

February 4, 2023

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends::

This year's annual commemorative journal's front cover has Christopher Columbus landing in the Americas. I'm told this is only the fourth time that Columbus has been featured on the front cover of our journals. He was a great explorer who embraced brotherhood and fellowship.

Last summer we held our 44th Annual Scholarship Luncheon for local students and awarded 15 scholarships and since this program began we have awarded over 651 scholarships.



In this journal, my friend and past president Fred Bellise is honored for his contributions to the lodge. Fred is the 36th President of our lodge. It has been rumored that Fred joined Columbus on his final journey to the Americas.

This journal will also remember those who departed over the past twelve months including our 29th President Sal Petrone and long time Trustee Mike Parisi. Finally, many thanks to the members and officers who made this year a success. May liberty, equality and fraternity always be in our hearts and in our vision.

Fraternally,
Jimmy Raffa
President



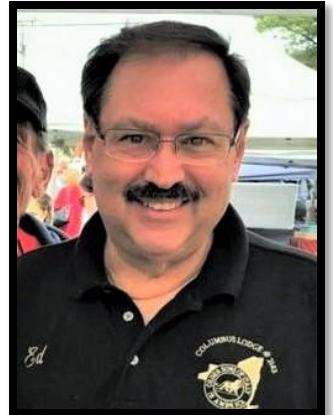
Message From the Journal Editor

February 4, 2023

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends:

This is my 15th journal (3rd digital). My first journal was in 2007 honoring Past President Sal Petrone, who passed away in early 2022. Pete Gisonda, a member since 1964, showed me the ropes of preparing a journal and his guidance was appreciated.

So why have I Chaired this for 15-years? IPP Gary Caparco once told me, “it must be a labor of love.” Gary, might be right. These journals create a tangible historical document on lodge activities and provides information about past leaders and great lodge accomplishments. It also gives insight about contribution given by hard working members whose efforts, sometimes, goes without fanfare.



Back in 2013, when I took the oath of office as president, I gave the “keys” to the scholarship committee to Bill Murphy and for nine (9) years he carried on our tradition. In 2022, I was asked to return as Chairman of the 44th Annual Scholarship Luncheon. With the grace of the good Lord, it ran very well. So many people to thank for their support of the luncheon and this journal including: President Raffa, Pete Raffaele, Mike Bonavia, the Franchi’s, Chris Molina, Murray Kaplan, my son Peter Bochynski, Sal Polito, Paul Calissi, Matto Ferro, Chris Zammit, Lee Barrella, and my photographer Maria Caparco.

Fraternally,
Edward P. Bochynski
Past President &
Commemorative Journal Chairman/Editor



2022-2023 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	JAMES RAFFA
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	FRANK FRANCHI
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	JAMIE SAN FILIPPO JR.
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	GARY CAPARCO
ORATOR	JIM SAN FILIPPO
RECORDING SECRETARY	PETER MARESCO
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	NICK BONSIGNORE
TREASURER	FRANK TISCIONE
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	PAUL CALISSI

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MATTEO FERRO
CALOGERO FERRO

DAVID GULKO
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SAL POLITO
GEORGE SARDOS
CHRIS ZAMMIT (Jun-Dec)

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JOE DELIO

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ALLEN VALENTE

SENTINELS

ROCCO NAPOLI

CHRIS ZAMMIT
(Mar.-Jun.)

NYS GRAND LODGE POSITIONS

NAT'L DELEGATE, NYS RECORDING SEC. & CSJ EXEC BOARD	KEITH WILSON
NYS CSJ EXEC 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

GARY CAPARCO (2020-2022)
FRED BELLISE, (2018-2020)
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 NOVARRO (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)*
PHIL FASULLO (1978-1979)*
*DECEASED

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)*



About Our 36th President

FRED J. BELLISE

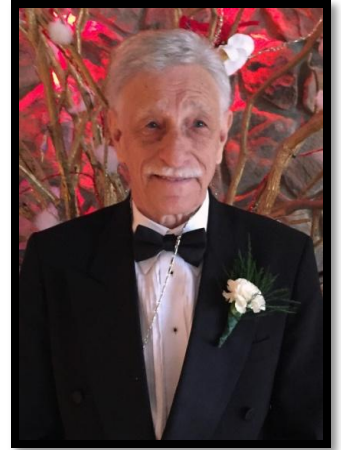


Fred J. Bellise was installed as the 36th President of the lodge on March 4, 2018 and a year later was reelected to a second term, by affirmation. Like many past presidents, Fred's journey is one of perseverance and determination.

Fred's journey begins after a decided to retire from a business career that spanned nearly four decades. He was initiated as Columbus Lodge member #4028 in 2008. Enjoying his interaction with fellow members and the evening card games, a year later he was encouraged to join the Council by two Past Presidents, Tony & Frank Musarra. He was elected Trustee in 2009.

After an election setback (2011), Fred rejoined the Council and was appointed Principle Trustee (2012). The following year Fred was elected Orator and served on the lodge's 50th Council. At the lodge's 50th Anniversary Gala, Fred saw history live as 17 past presidents attended the event.

While moving up the Chair Officer ranks Fred served as Co-Chairman on numerous committees including the on Feast & Festival, House Rules Committee, Lions Den Christmas Party, and Tenant & Building Committee. These committees gave Fred a breath of lodge and prepared him for the future challenges he would face as president.



Above, Fred in a 2018 photo

Fred elevated to the V.P. level for the next four years. It was during this time where circumstances led to opportunities. During prolonged absences by the President, Fred was given the gavel and presided over meetings, made business decisions effecting the building, med and interacted with other lodges and the Grand lodge, and gained the support and trust of his membership.

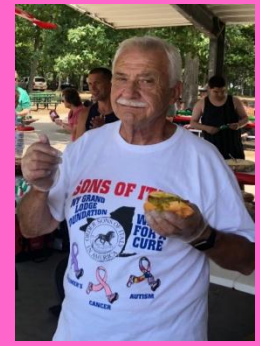
As president, Fred brought back structure and a sense of leadership that, in some circles, was perceived as missing in recent years. His diplomatic skills improved a deteriorated relationship with the Grand Lodge. He negotiated the smooth transition of a new tenant, invested a million dollars into building improvements, and brought back some traditional fraternal activities while encouraging and acting upon new ideas. Two highly successful new programs was *Casino Night* and *An Evening with Mystic Paul Miller*. His most difficult decision was disbanding the Ladies Auxiliary due to insubordination. Fred's appointed a dynamic new member, Frank Franchi, as Membership Chairman would stifle declining membership rolls. And his paired Bill Murphy with Tony Ventiera as Feast & Festival Co-Chairman. The two men brought unparalleled financial success to the event. Since his term as president ended, Fred became a lifetime member in 2020 and continues to be a well respected resource at Council meetings.

Fred's early childhood was during World War II and his teenage years during the Korean War. In the last 1950s Fred was drafted and proudly served in the U.S. Army. Upon leaving with an honorable discharge, Fred's career would take different turns. He would eventually land in the circulation department at a major Long Island newspaper, *Newsday*, where he rose to an executor position.

While expanding the circulation of the New York Newsday, Fred had the opportunity to meet businessman Donald Trump. The two went toe to toe but in the end Fred got the rights to have Newsday in the lobby of Trump Towers. Fred's crowning achievement at Newsday was meeting his future spouse Sandra (Sandy) Fleischer. Fred and Sandy married on December 8, 1987 and currently live in Old Bethpage.



A Year in Review 2022-2023



AROUND OSIA: A YEAR IN REVIEW

A Pandemic Effect from fiscal 2020-22

Since March, 2020, the pandemic came down hard on not-for-profit fraternal organizations. Donations had fallen. Membership rolls dropped. Since the Metropolitan area has the highest concentration of Italian-Americans in the country, NYS lodges got hit the hardest. From 2020 to early 2022 several lodges were forced to merge while others dissolved.

The Donatello Lodge #2259 of Westbury became the last casualty in 2022. It was founded on July 22, 1984 by Charles Fuchillo, Carmine Monteforte, and Caroline Allocco. Their first president was Salvatore "Sal" A. Lanzilotta. Sal would go on to become NYS Grand Lodge President. Note-worthy Donatello Lodge past presidents included Annette Lankewish, Rae Lanzilotta, and Rocco Lanzilotta. The lodge was in its 37th year when dissolved.

Fortunately, Columbus Lodge leadership during 2020-2022, under President Caparco and his officers, kept membership engaged while Financial Secretary Bill Murphy was given credit for keeping the lodge fiscally afloat. Jimmy Raffa was installed as the 38th President of Columbus Lodge #2143 on March 6, 2022 and would guide the lodge out of the crisis and bring back traditional lodge activities.

Columbus Lodge 2022-23

The supporting cast that got the lodge through the heights of the pandemic returned with First-VP Frank Franchi, Second-VP Jamie SanFilippo, IPP Gary Caparco, and Orator Jim SanFilippo (who served as Principal Trustee).

Columbus Lodge Challenges

President Raffa stated his most pressing challenge was to "get the lodge back to the way it was." Filling the void left by Bill Murphy, who controlled building and fraternal financials and Chaired every major lodge event including the Feast & Festival and scholarship program, began with newly elected Financial Secretary Nick Bonsignor assuming the handling of lodge finances.

Raffa's next challenge would be to bring back establish traditional events. His "go to" guys were Bochynski, Bellise, Gatto, Ragno, and Ventiera. "They're past presidents, they've done it before and they know what needs to be done," said Raffa.

In April, following a special Sunday morning mass for our departed members, the SanFilippo's held the lodge's traditional Palm Sunday breakfast.

In June, the lodge presented 15 grants to graduating students. After a nine year absence, Ed Bochynski returned as Chairman of the event. TOB Supervisor Joe Saladino schooled the students on the important contributions made by Columbus. "He (Bochynski) only had a few weeks to put this together and he did a great job," said Raffa.

The Summer picnic was run by two old pros who have done it before, Frank Franchi and Mike LiPetri. The weather was perfect, (sunny and low humidity), and the crowd came hungry and were well fed.

The September, *Italian Feast and Festival* was led by Chairman Tony Ventiera, who received beautiful weather and many new member volunteers. The Feast was a community building and financial success. Past President Frank Gatto was Grand Marshal.

In October the lodge honored Fred Bellise for his pre-pandemic tenure as president. The 140 in attendance was the third highest total in thirty-two years; Keith Wilson's testimonial during the lodge's fifth anniversary gala drew nearly 300 people and Ed Bochynski's testimonial drew 144; both were held in 2014. Tony Ragno hosted the event.

Following the successful Chris Molina's *Children Christmas Party*, the year was capped off with a fabulous sold out adult Christmas Party that included a champagne toast.

Without a doubt, Brother Murray Kaplan was the "secret sauce" in Raffa's rejuvenation of the lodge. Not only did Murray participate in every event mentioned but he also served as Membership Chairman, bringing in 36 new members. Many of these members were GEN X (born from 1965 to 1980). The shot in the arm of youth led to greater membership participation on committees and the success of all committees. "This lodge has a great group of guys that are always willing to help each other," said District II State Deputy Al DeBlasio.

President Jimmy Raffa completed his first term by exceeded his initial goals. He brought the lodge membership to a level of enthusiasm, engagement, and youth it hadn't seen in recent years.

It was a good comeback year for Columbus Lodge.



COLUMBUS LODGE #2143
Active Membership Longevity List
25 Consecutive Years or More
1964 thru 2022



1964-72

(MEMBER 50-58 YEARS)

Nick Viglietta, #286
Salvatore La Gumina, #289
Pete Gisonda, #396

Jack LaGrassa, #539
Carl Cardasia, #1611
Michael Iannone, #1730

Guy Memoli #1740
Fred Marfoglio, #1758
Joseph Riccardo, #2322

1972-1982

(MEMBER 40-49 YEARS)

Greg Giammalvo, #2418
Paul Riccobono, #2803
Francesco Lombardi, #2824
Eddie Esposito, #2862-LM
Angello Delligati, #2874

Sal Moschella, #2917-LM
Anthony Montano, #2924
Carmile Gargiullo, #2940
Ray Colucci, #2979

Tony Novarro, #2987
Robert Rottkamp, #3006
Fred Penna Jr., #3039
Louis Miritello, #3057

1982-1992

(MEMBER 30-39 YEARS)

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

Sam Cardillo, #3308
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, #3366
Joseph Contorno, #3366
Patrick Eanniello, #3405
John DeGregorio, #3406

1992-1997

(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
Leonard Scudera, #3489
Mike Bonavia, #3502
Frank Gatto, #3507-LM

Michael Mastellone, #3527
Joe Carbone, #3539-LM
Michael DeSantis, #3543
Joe Smeraldi, #3544
Lenny Mele, #3547
Vincent Castrataro #3549
Charles DiPrima, #3557
Pasquale Palumbo, #3566
Anthony Carbone, #3567
Frank Beltrani, #3568

Michael Viscuse, #3580
Edward Bader Jr., #3593
Rocco Napoli, #3600
Mauro Gasparini, #3618
Louis DeRosa #3647
John Sficos #3673
Robert Yopp #3674
Thomas Coll #3675

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS CHANGED HISTORY 530 YEARS AGO

Cristoforo Colombo (better known as Christopher Columbus) was born the son of a wool merchant on October 31, 1451 in the Northern Italian town of Genoa. He was an explorer, navigator, colonizer, and citizen of the Republic of Genoa. He is popular because he was the explorer who tried to prove that the world was round by sailing across the seas and trying to reach other, unexplored regions on the globe, eventually making a mistake that would mark the beginning of a civilization and soon after, a new country.

Before setting sail 530 years ago, Columbus faced many obstacles but persevered. His request for funds was rejected by the King of Portugal and King of England before Ferdinand and Isabella, the King and Queen of Spain, granted him necessary funding to find a Western route to the Orient on August 3, 1492. Between 1492 and 1504, Columbus made four different transatlantic voyages. His voyages were not without struggles but he overcame storms, disease, and hostile native to become one of the greatest navigators and explorers of all time.



Christopher Columbus on the Santa Maria.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Though he is credited with discovering the Americas, Christopher Columbus was not the first European to make a transatlantic voyage. Evidence exists that Viking Leif Eriksson may have made the journey from Europe to North America five centuries before Columbus's discovery of the continent however it was the "discovery" of the New World by Christopher Columbus that changed the history of the world.

Columbus was the first European to reach the New World in circumstances that allowed for major European colonization to begin. This eventually ended up allowing the United States to be created. The creation of the United States helped, among other things, to move much of the world towards democracy. It also led to the development of what is now a world superpower. He not only ultimately caused the founding of the United States, but also shaped Mexico, Canada, and many Caribbean and South American nations. His voyages led to others exploring and reshaped the world.

In addition, history was changed by the exchange of plants and animals between Europe and the Americas, commonly known as the Columbian Exchange. Tomatoes, Potatoes, and Corn previously unknown in Europe became an important part of the diet of people living there. Similarly, Cattle, Sheep, and Hogs were introduced into the Americas. So it was not the "discovery" that mattered as much as the colonization. Simply said, Columbus "discovery" of America changed history.

LATER YEARS

Columbus settled in *Valladolid*, a small town in central Spain, and it was said that he became a very religious man in his later years. He published books containing the fruits of his expeditions. The first was the Book of Privileges, an account of the benefits and rewards he was entitled to from his deal with the Spanish Crown. The second, the Book of the Prophecies, was more religious in nature, where he used several scriptures from the Bible to claim that his achievements were part of God's plan in the history of salvation.

On May 20, 1506, Columbus died of a heart attack due to arthritis (as claimed by researchers in 2003), in Valladolid, Spain. He was then buried in the La Cartuja monastery in Seville. At that time, he was known as one of the richest voyagers in Spain due to the massive amounts of gold that he was able to acquire.

Scholarship Award winners



HIGH SCHOLASTIC AWARD

Kaitlyn DiThomas Plainedge High School Auburn University

ZABBIA AWARD FOR HEALTH CARE

Georgia Sideridis Plainedge High School Stony Brook University
Olivia Vivolo Plainedge High School Sacred Heart University

EXCELLANCE IN ITALIAN LANGUAGE

Joseph Pardi MacArthur High School Adelphi University
Michael Falacara Plainedge High School SUNY Old Westbury

SCHOLASTIC ACHEIVEMENT AWARD

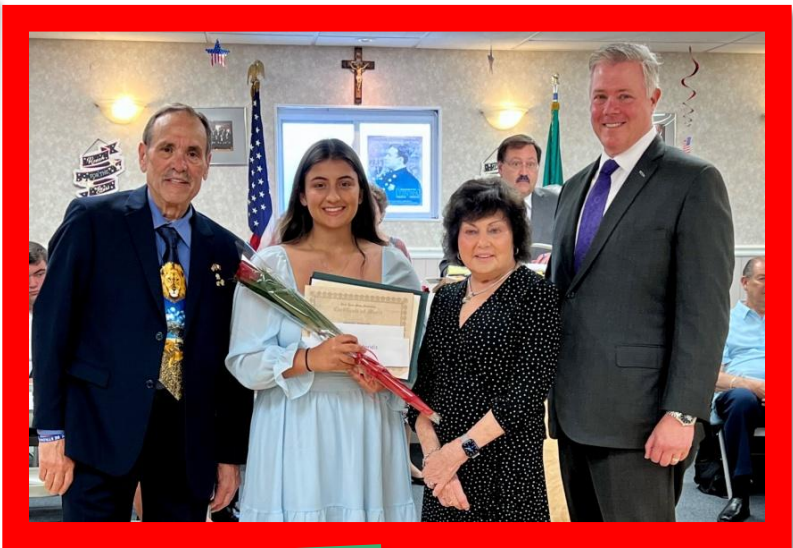
Thomas Novello H.F. Carey High School NYIT
Michael Augello Massapequa High School St. John University
Tyler Rubinfeld Massapequa High School Maritime
Allyssa Papasordero Plainedge High School Neumann University
Oliver Himbauerer Ridgefield High School U. Of Texas at Austin
Tylor Ferragamo West Babylon High School SUNY at Cortland
Olivia Rizzo Massapequa High School Adelphi University

P. VINCENT LANDI AWARD

Matthew Birney Kellenberg High School University of Dayton
Angelo Foto Charlotte Catholic H.S. Central Piedmont C.C.
Ariana Boodoo Farmingdale High School Nassau C.C.









Commission for Social Justice

WHAT IS THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE?

The Commission for Social Justice (CSJ) is the anti-defamation arm of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America.

The CSJ was founded in 1979 to fight stereotyping of Italian Americans by the entertainment, advertising, and media industries. The CSJ also collaborates with other groups to ensure that people of all races, religions, and cultures are treated with dignity and respect.

WHAT IS THE NYS OSIA GRAND LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE?

The Executive Committee sets guidelines and updates local lodges of current activities. This Committee is also in contact with the National CSJ and NYS Grand Lodge and works throughout the United States to assist in the National Office initiatives.

WHAT IS THE CSJ AND COLUMBUS LODGE'S HISTORICAL CONNECTION?

The CSJ was founded in 1979 by P. Vincent Landi, a founding member and the First President of Columbus Lodge. At that time Landi incorporate the National CSJ into a separate Section 501 (c) (3) charitable exempt-organization.

Since the early days of the CSJ during the 1980s, the Executive Committee has had representations from the Columbus Lodge. In addition to Landi, Joe Cangemi and Nick Viglietta, both past presidents of Columbus Lodge and Grand Lodge, also served on the CSJ Executive Committee.

Columbus Lodge member Tony Romeo (whose wife Teri founded the Gift of Sight program) and past Presidents Dan Calontone, and Vincent DeRosa began serving in the late-1990s and early-2000s. And currently past Presidents Ed Bochynski and Keith Wilson are serving on the CSJ Executive Committee.

CAN ANYONE SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE?

Sitting on the Executive Committee is by invitation only via National CSJ President, NYS Grand Lodge President, or NYS CSJ Chairman. Any member of the Order can participate through their local lodge as a CSJ liaison.

WHAT WERE CSJ ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022?

- 1) Protected the statues of Christopher Columbus against vandals and destructive revisionists in the cities of Philadelphia, PA and Rochester, NY. These statues symbolize Italian-American accomplishments.
- 2) Prevented NYS Governor Hochul from renaming the Columbus Day Parade to Indigenous People Day Parade.
- 3) Prevented the Superintendent in Beacon, NY from removing Columbus Day from the school calendar.
- 4) Achieved a Court Order preventing Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney from removing statue of Columbus, which was erected in 1876.
- 5) And recommend reading the book: "Christopher Columbus, The Hero" by Rafael; which defends Christopher Columbus against revisionists.



Commission for Social Justice

Founded by Columbus Lodge's first President, P. Vincent Landi, the Commission for Social Justice (CSJ) is the anti-defamation arm of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA), largest & oldest national organization for men and women of Italian descent in the U.S.

I would like to begin this article with a renewed focus on our constant battle in the education of the Italian American community, specifically our youth. We are all too familiar with the false narratives prevalent in our education system that malign Christopher Columbus. We must continue to battle those narratives. I think, however, we cannot forget that we have so many positive things to say about our culture and heritage. We must be proud of it. We must present this positive image when we speak about your ancestors and the many cultural, social, and political contributions that the Italian American community has provided this great country.

We at CSJ have made available a resource page that can be used by our members to find information regarding that positive image while combating the false narratives that exist in our education system. Our educational programs can be used from kindergarten to 12th grade. Please take advantage of this resource page. *It is important that we continue to fight through education.*

CSJ continues to play a part nationally as a major component of The Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations

(COPOMIAO). It was a historic week in Rome and within Vatican City in May as a delegation of Italian Americans leaders from COPOMIAO met with Government officials and Pope Francis to advance cultural and religious initiatives.

Judge Basil M. Russo, President of COPMIAO, also conducted a panel discussion with Italian Supreme Court justices, met with the Italian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and sat down with the Vatican's Secretary of State to pinpoint issues of mutual concern.

The CSJ is consistently looking to form partnerships and alliances throughout our nation. We are working with these partners to promote public policy, advocacy initiatives, and the Italian languages in the United States.

It is all of us working together as one, projecting a positive image and educating our youth, that will allow the Italian American community to remain strong as we continue our battle to preserve Columbus Day and Columbus Statues that are symbols of our proud heritage.

Sempre Avanti!

Robert M. Ferrito

President, National CSJ



An Inspiring Testimony: From the Diary of Christopher Columbus

It was the Lord who put it into my mind, (I could feel His hand upon me), the fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies. All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me. There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because He comforted me with rays of marvelous inspiration from the Holy Scriptures.....

I am a most noteworthy sinner, but I have cried out to the Lord for grace and mercy, and they have covered me completely. I have found the sweetest consolations since I made it my whole purpose to enjoy His marvelous Presence.

For the execution of the voyage to the Indies, I did not make use of intelligence, mathematics or maps.



It is simply the fulfillment of what Isaiah had prophesied.....*

No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Savior, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His holy service. The working out of all things has been assigned to each person by our Lord, but it all happens according to His sovereign will, even though He gives advice. Oh, what a gracious Lord, who desires that people should perform for Him those things for which He holds Himself responsible! Day and night, moment by moment, everyone should express their most devoted gratitude to Him."

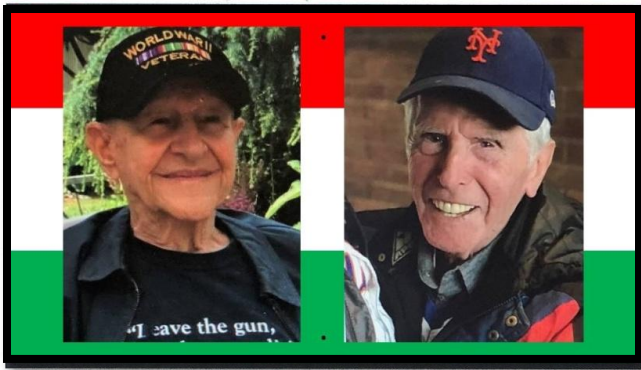
THOSE WHO LEFT US, WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN

JIMMY D'ACCORDO

“Avid Met fan; There to Serve”

On August 10, 2022, **VINCENT ARMANDO D'ACCORDO**, better known to family and friends as “Jimmy” passed away peacefully in his West Babylon home, he was 88.

Born on March 31, 1934 in Brooklyn, NY to Anna and Armando D'Accordo, Jimmy spent most of his life in Brooklyn, where he fell in love with his wife of 66 years, Vincenza (Dolly) DeLuca. He is a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He proudly served as a member of the FDNY, retiring as a Lieutenant and then moved to West Babylon in 1996.



Undated photos of two members who left us in 2022 (l to r): Arthur Del Re and Jimmy D'Accordo.

Jimmy was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching as many Mets, Rangers and Giants game possible. His love and pride of his Italian heritage motivated him to join an Italian organization.

Sponsored by Joe Carbone, Jimmy was installed as member #3584 of the lodge under then-President John Juba on March 27, 1996. Known as an active member that got involved in fraternal activities, Jimmy volunteered to work the lodge's first Feast & Festival. “A good man,” said Past President Frank Gatto, “Always there to help.”

Jimmy served two terms as Treasurer under President Joe Carbone. He assisted on the lodge trip to Niagara Falls and golf outing. “He collected and kept track of all the money,” recalls Golf Chairman and Past President Tony Ragno.

Jimmy enjoyed singing and going to lodge dances but his passion was card playing with his fraternal brothers during evening games. As his

eyesight began to diminish with age, he joined the Friday afternoon “cutthroat pinochle” group.

Unfortunately, in recent times he was diagnosed with Alzheimer. Jimmy D'Accordo is survived by his wife Dolly, children Armando and Anna, his 3 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

NEIL FERRARA

“Loved Friday Cutthroat Pinochle”

After a long battle with cancer, **NEIL FERRARA**, a member of the lodge for almost 26-years, died on Memorial Day, May 30, 2022, he was 88 years old.

Born August 13, 1933, Neil served his Country during the Korean War. He was a decorated firefighter with the NYFD before retiring. Encouraged by friend Jimmy D'Accordo, Neil was initiated into Columbus Lodge #2143 OSIA and given membership #3615 on October 23, 1996.

Neil's passion was participating in Friday afternoon pinochle games at the lodge. He particularly enjoyed the “cutthroat” game; typically played by three players acting alone. “He (Neil) tried to teach me,” said President Jimmy Raffa. “Those guys (pinochle players) were always looking for fresh meat.”

The North Massapequa resident leaves behind his wife Mary and two daughters.

ARTHUR DEL RE

“A Member for 43 Years”

On December 11, 2022, **ARTHUR ROBERT DEL RE** died of natural causes at the age of 95. Arthur was a highly decorated World War II veteran and married to Margaret for many years. The couple lived in their North Massapequa home, at 11 Gail Drive, for many years.

Arthur was initiated into the lodge by the legendary 13th President Joe Magliato on March 20th 1979 and was given membership #2943. Although many of Arthur's contemporaries have passed away and although its' been over thirty years since anyone can recall him visiting the lodge, Arthur faithfully paid his dues until the day he died.

MICHAEL “MIKE” PARISI

“Always with a Smile”

The Columbus Lodge #2143 lost a special person when **MIKE PARISI** died on February 19, 2022; he was 57. Sponsored by his close friend Anthony Capogna, Mike Parisi was initiated with his longtime buddy Mike Savallo and given membership #4155 on October 13, 2010.

Mike was elected to the Counsel in 2011 and served consecutively until March, 2021. He rose to the level of Trustee, of which, he served for seven years. Annually, Mike served on the *Feast & Festival* committee. He was a member of the 50th Counsel of the lodge (2013-14) and he served on the 50th Anniversary Gala committee.



In a January 2014 photo (l to r): Anthony Capogna, Mike Parisi, Jean Parisi, Lisa Savallo, Mike Savallo at the Columbus Lodge's 50th Anniversary Gala.

Mike had an easygoing persona. He enjoyed the fellowship of his fraternal brothers, the companionship of his friends, and love of his family. He enjoyed his glass of red wine after lodge meetings and it is difficult to recall him losing his temper or raising his voice at a meeting. Principled, Mike did things on his own terms.

Mike showed great courage when doctors told him he had pancreatic cancer. Despite chemotherapy, the cancer continued to spread. He was blessed with some good days but he also endured some difficult days.

On February 4, 2021 a caravan of over 50 cars of family, friends, and fraternal brothers passed by Mike's home to wish him a happy 56th birthday. The caravan was a tangible display of love toward Mike, during the Covid-19 pandemic. Fraternal brother Mike Savallo, who orchestrated the caravan, thanked all for uplifting his friend Mike Parisi's spirits at a time when a boost of support and optimism was needed.

During Mike's final year, his wife Jean, family, and friends ensured Mike would live every moment to the fullest. They took him to a Yankee game, saw the Eagles play at the Garden, and vacationed at his favorite places. Mike saw his daughters Sara earn a Master degree at Molloy College and Marissa win a National title for the Hofstra Cheer team. Throughout, he was always surrounded by love and support.



In a Sept. 2018 photo: Mike Parisi (l) at the Lodge's Feast & Festival.

In an August 2021 conversation with Past President Ed Bochynski, Mike, a man of faith, mentioned the doctors gave him “a date” that they believed he had remaining in this world. “My goal is to beat that date,” professed a determined Mike Parisi.

Mike was born on February 4, 1965. He and Jean O'Brien met as children. He graduated Hofstra University with as BBA in Marketing in 1987, then reconnected with & married Jean in November 1994. They raised two daughters at their home in Bethpage.



In a 2021 Photo: Mike & Jean Parisi celebrating at Ocean City, MD.

Mike's career journey includes a stint at Johnson & Johnson and most recently Regional Sales Manager with IZI Medical. He will be remembered at Columbus Lodge as a good man who was available to lend a hand and always wore a smile. Michael, you will be forever missed. Be well in the hands of God.

In Loving Memory of Michael P. Parisi . . .

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Remembering SALVATORE “SAL” PETRONE

Sponsored by Peter Gisonda, Salvatore “Sal” Petrone was initiated into the lodge on April 27, 1995 and carried membership #3546. A year after he joined the lodge he was elected onto lodge Council as Master of Ceremony. Over the next ten years, Sal served on several committees, eventually becoming chairman of the *Annual Picnic, Lions’ Den Christmas Party, Day at the Races, and Committeeman Dance.*

During this period, he formed a Columbus Lodge bowling team which competed in annual OSIA bowling tournaments. The team collected several first place trophies and plaques for the lodge. From 2000-2004 Sal was elected Trustee and appointed Principle Trustee in 2003 under President Tony Ragno. “I enjoyed working with him (Sal) in the lodge, said Ragno. “Always ready to give a helping hand.”

In 2004, Sal made a successful leap to Second VP in a contested runoff election; it was the last contested election Sal would face during his remaining run up the Council ranks. Sal was also represented the lodge as delegate at the Grand Lodge convention. Unchallenged in his bid to become president and inheriting strong financial strength, on March 5, 2006, the 54 year old Sal Petrone was installed as the 29th President of Columbus Lodge.



2010 Photo, l to r: Mike Bonavia, Sal Petrone, & Gary Caparco.

Upon installation as president, Sal Petrone faced unforeseen personal setbacks that included the passing of his father and medical issues that included walking with the aid of a cane and going on disability at work. Although his physical setbacks may have contributed to a preserved low energy persona, Sal persevered. He brought a fair-minded approach to the office and performed many of his ceremonial duties throughout the year including the presentation of a scholarship to graduating high school student and future president Anthony Musarra.

In February 2007, (his final month in office), the Council approved plans to move forward with the renovation of the lodge’s lobby entrance. Soon after completing his term as president, Sal’s health returned and he distinguished career as Manager with the U.S. Postal Service ended upon his retirement. In 2008, Sal became a Lifetime member.

Sal Petrone remained active after his presidency and volunteered at the Annual Italian Feast & Festival. With the passing of Sal’s wife Barbara, he decided to relocate to Ellenton, Florida in February, 2012. Sal returned to New York for his last public appearance at Columbus Lodge’s 50th Anniversary Gala, held in January 2014. Sal Petrone died on January 17, 2022, he was 70 years old.

In Memory of
SALVATORE “SAL” PETRONE

(July 14, 1951 – January 17, 2022)

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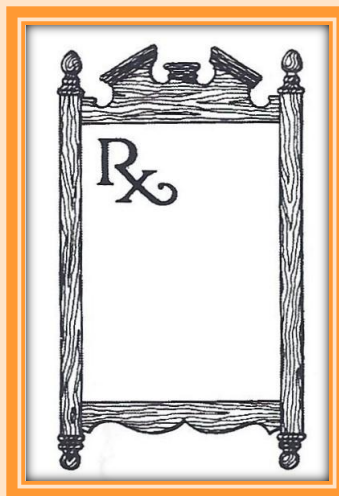
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1940-2021

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“Dr. V” was a trained, certified, and licensed orthodontist who received his Doctor of Dental Surgery from NYU. After two years of military service as a dentist and a one-year internship, he earned an M.S. in orthodontics at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Dr. V was also an associate professor at Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine and was on the staff of LIJ Medical Center and Good Samaritan Hospital. His career spanned over 40 years making beautiful smiles shine brighter. His son Joseph will continue his father’s tradition.

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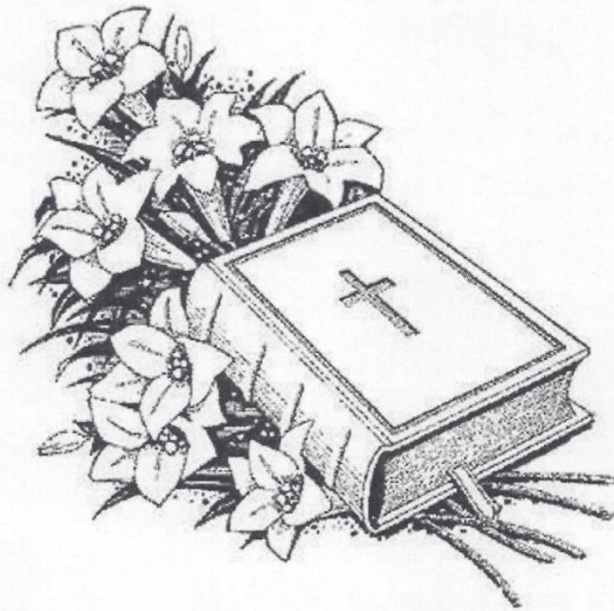
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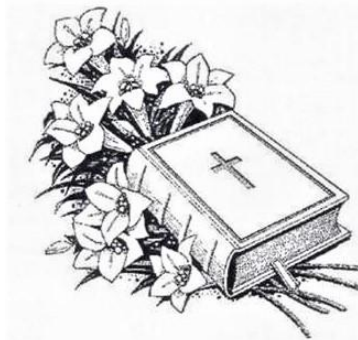
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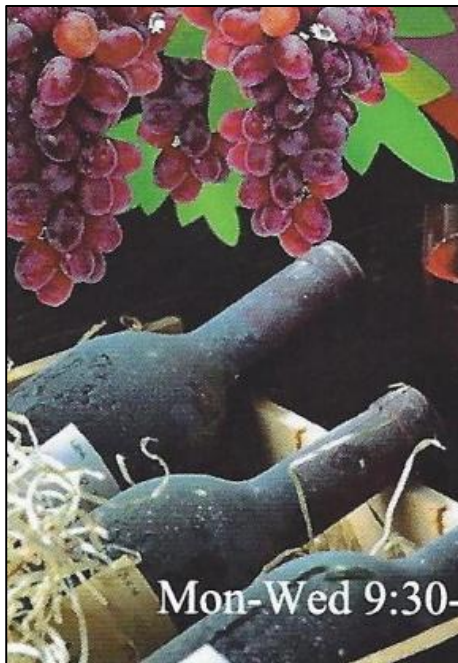
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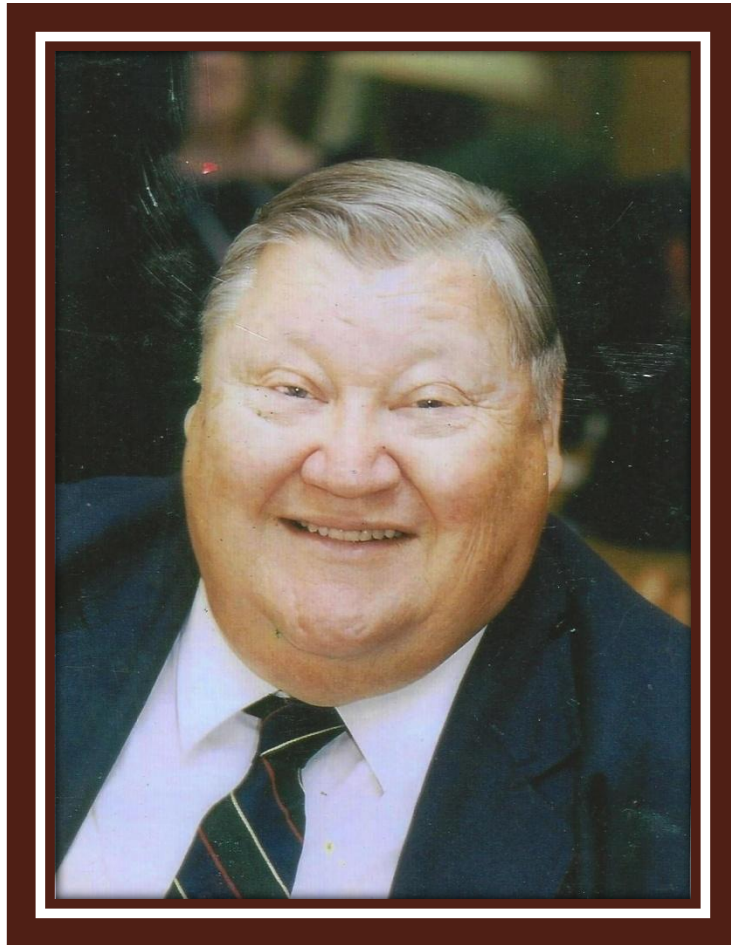
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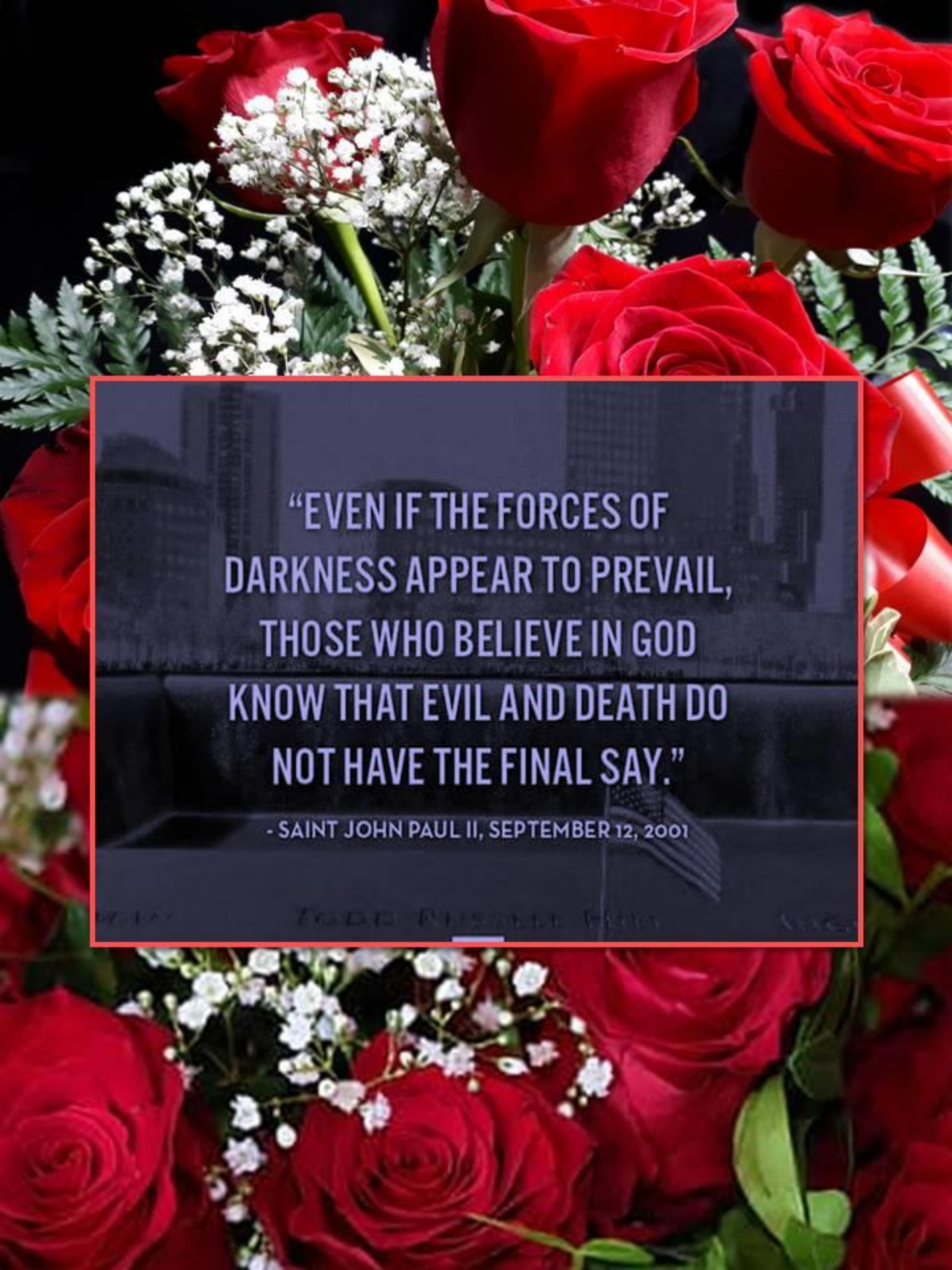
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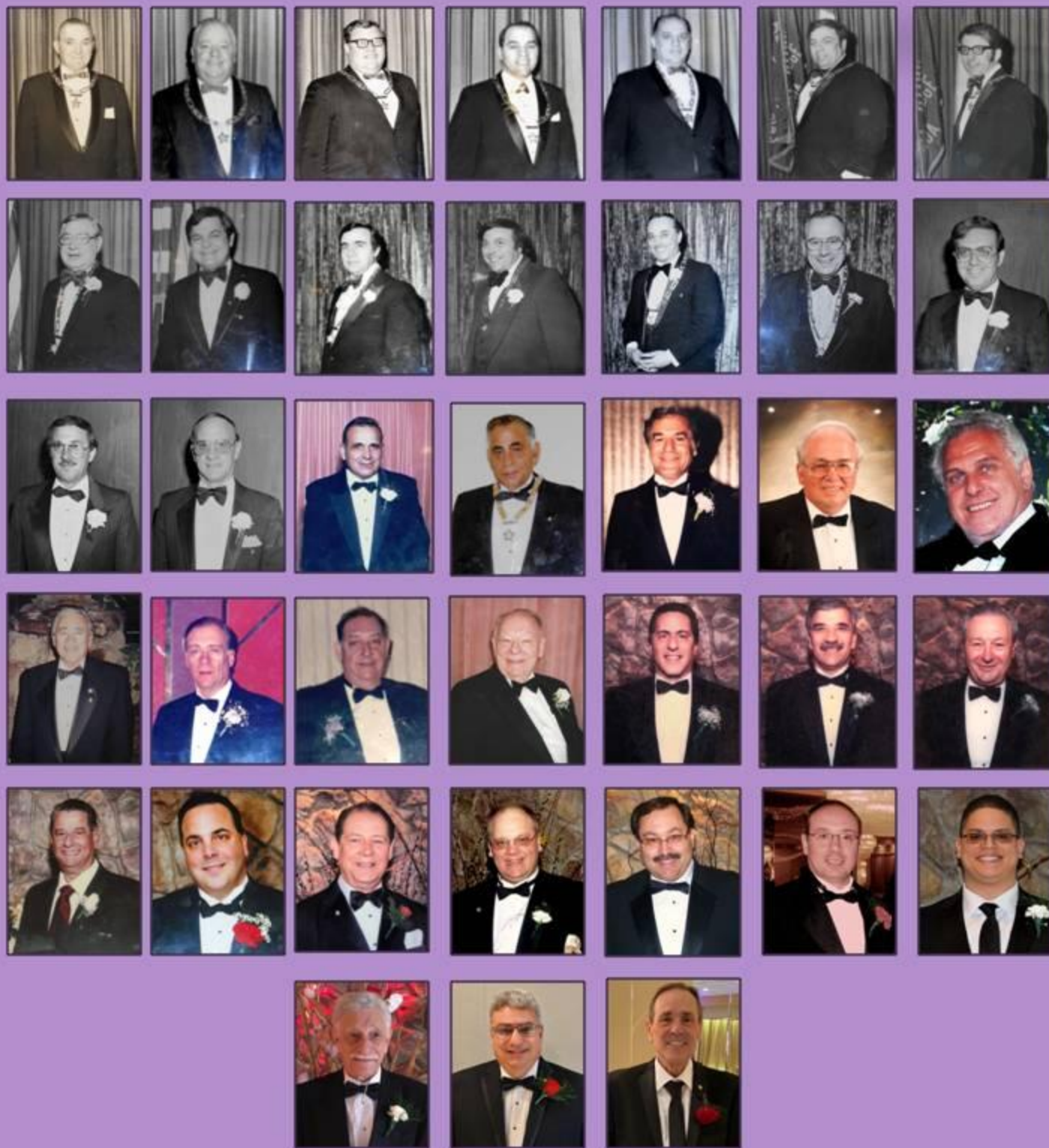
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- SAINT JOHN PAUL II, SEPTEMBER 12, 2001



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