



# THE TIMES



## SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY

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### Dante Commission Announces 2020 Scholarship Details

The Dante Commission recently announced the details and deadlines for the annual education scholarships. The scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who will complete high school by the end of the 2019-2020 school year and be enrolled in an undergraduate program in the fall of 2020.

To be eligible, applicants must have an overall grade point average of 3.0, a 'B', or an average of 85%. Applicants or their parents must also have been members of the Lodge for two years prior to their application. In addition to the above requirements, a one page essay answering the question "what it means for you to be Italian" must also be included.

The Dante Commission will also be awarding 14 \$500 scholarships to eighth grade students who intend to enter a parochial or private high school in the fall of 2020.

Applicants or their parents must have been members of the Lodge for at least two years prior to applying, and must have a grade point average of 3.0, or a 'B' average. Students interested in this scholarship must submit a 250-300 word essay.

Members interested in either scholarship must submit an application to the Grand Lodge office by March 30, 2020. Applications are available on the Grand Lodge website, <http://sonsanddaughtersofitalypa.org>, under the section marked Students/Scholarships.

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The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania  
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*"Promoting a positive image of Americans of Italian Heritage within the framework of American society through involvement in cultural, educational, social and charitable endeavors."*

## Italian Heritage Month Celebrated At State Capitol With State Legislators and Sons and Daughters of Italy



Senators, Representatives, and Lodge Members with Resolutions Honoring Columbus and Italian-Americans

### Grand Lodge Using Amazon Smiles For 2019 Holiday Season

What a great way to donate to a wonderful charity without giving a dime. Sounds too good to be true, sounds crazy but it is true and not crazy. Let me introduce you to Amazon Smiles program.

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#### A Good Fundraiser

The monies raised will go to our Charitable and Education fund, this will allow us to do much more in all aspects of the fund. This program is open to everyone and is very easy to join.

#### What is AmazonSmile?

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### L.A.M.-VALLEY FORGE LODGE # 1776 TAKES COLUMBUS DAY TRIP TO D.C.

The L.A.M.-Valley Forge Lodge #1776 took its fourth annual Columbus Day trip to Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 12, 2019, the actual Columbus Day. Taking a trip for Columbus Day has become an annual ritual for the Lodge.



Members at White House

At 7:00 a.m. in the morning 46 Lodge members gathered at the East Norriton Township parking lot in order to depart for a trip that had been scheduled for the White House at 11:30 a.m. The journey down Interstate 476 to 95, down the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to the White House was uneventful and relaxing.

The bus arrived at the White House around 10:00



On Tram at Arlington

a.m. which gave the group more than enough time to prepare for the security involved and to check in. Arrangements for the trip had been organized through former Congressman Tom Marino and his successor Congressman Fred Keller from the Northeast sector of Pennsylvania.



At Entrance to Arlington

After going through security, the group took a tour of the first floor which included a view of the Kennedy garden, State Dining Room, Li

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This year, lodges from across the state visited the Pennsylvania capitol in Harrisburg to celebrate Columbus Day and Italian Heritage Month, where they were received by various members of the state House and Senate.

#### Second Year

This marks the second year that state lodges have visited the capitol, and organizers hope to have even more participation next year. The hope is to have a Grand Lodge representative from each legislative district by a participating member of the House or Senate.

#### Presented Resolution

In addition to meeting the legislators and taking photographs in the capitol rotunda, the Senate provided an official resolution to each lodge.

The Italian Caucuses of the House and Senate are in the process of being rebuilt, and several members, including Senator DiSanto, have expressed their delight with the Grand Lodge's visit.

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**STATE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

by Msgr. Charles L. Sangermano

**The Dictatorship of Noise**

In 2016, Robert Cardinal Sarah wrote a very fine book called: "The Power of Silence." It is from the subtitle of this book that we take the title and subject of this issue's reflection: "Against the Dictatorship of Noise."

At first glance, we may think of a dictator as a person, and a dictatorship as a form of government. They can certainly be that. However, a thing or a concept can also assume the role of a dictator. If you find that hard to conceive, look at people with their cell phones, especially young people. How long can they remain without looking at their phones, talking on their phones, or texting? How quickly do they respond to every alarm that tells them that a new text has come through? That phone is certainly acting as a dictator!

The Cardinal calls our attention to this other form of Dictatorship: noise. One of the reasons we are so ready to accept anything we hear, including "false news," is that we have often lost the ability to think and reflect. We are the slaves of every ad, slogan and promise that comes our way, because we often do not take the time to think, and this is often because we are surrounded with constant noise, by our own choice.

This process of thinking and reflecting does not mean we have to be geniuses. Many of us in the Italian American community treasure the wisdom and sayings of our people who have gone before us. This is a wisdom not based on formal education, but on the use of common sense and observation of life, with experience (and sometimes humor) thrown in. It is remarkable that many of these good people, often working six days a week and having little in the way of creature comforts, preserved time for music, conversation and the family meal. They were much richer, and

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**From the Pen of the President****BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. This is the start of the holiday season that is spent with family and friends. A time to reflect and remember those who have taught and shared with us traditions that have been handed down to us. A time to reflect what we are and to be truly thankful for it.

I look forward to the time spent with family and friends talking about how things were and how they have changed, How family members that are not with us enjoyed and celebrated the holidays, The different traditions and recipes they left us. Every year I always learn something.

We are reminded what makes us proud to be Italians from the food, conversations, and most importantly the traditions carried over the from different regions and provinces of Italy.

I am thankful for our brothers and sisters that saw a need for the formation of our great organization. An organization that is like our own families that are here to carry on the great traditions of our people. An organization that will allow us never to forget where we have come from and ways to expand, grow and teach our children about the sacrifices that were made for us. How important it is to be proud of heritage and embrace who we are.

I am thankful for all the help that I have received from members that have the same vision as me. A vision that wants this organization to grow and continue the traditions and share in the stories of the past. An organization that will be here for all our grandchildren.

I am thankful for all the brave men and women who have served this country to make it possible for us to celebrate these holidays with our family and friends.

Enjoy your time and treasure the moments that will be spent with your family and friends.

**Fraternaly,  
Mike Cerruti  
State President**

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# LODGE NEWS

## 2019 Dante Commission State Scholarship Winners



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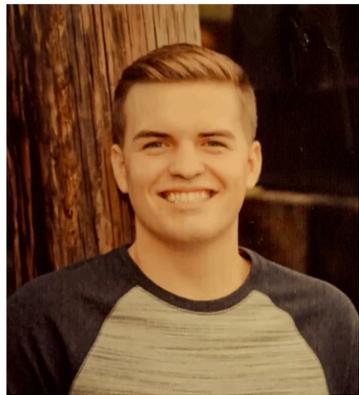
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*Not Pictured:*

**Nella M. Tsudis**  
Colombo Lodge 1348  
Monaca  
Davidson College

To be eligible, each scholarship winner had to maintain a 3.0 grade point average and compose an essay on what being Italian means to

them. This year, the Dante Commission on Education and Culture received applications from many deserving members, leading

to a very difficult selection process. The selection of these nine outstanding students speaks to their academic achievement and

pride in their Italian heritage. Please join the Grand Lodge in congratulating our winners and wishing them the best in the future.

### IN MEMORIAM

During the months of January through September 2019 the Grand Lodge Office received notifications of the death of the following members. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania extends sincere condolences to members of their families.

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146	J.J. Maffett	Jersey Shore	866	John D. Perry	Oak Hill, VA	1664	Steven A. Varva	Butler
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730	James Keating	Perryopolis	1494	Frances R. Vietto	Leavittsburgh	2572	Phyllis Sobel	Nottingham
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# LODGE NEWS

## GREATER ROXBOROUGH LODGE #2217 GIVES HONOR TO DR. JOHN CACCIAMANI

On Thursday, October 17, 2019, the Sons and Daughters of Italy, Greater Roxborough Lodge #2217 honored Dr. John Cacciamani, CEO of Chestnut Hill Hospital, as their 44th Person of the Year. The ceremony took place at the North Hills Country Club with a delicious Italian buffet and music by Hildy & the Peptones.

The honoree, John D. Cacciamani, Jr., MD, MBA is the President and Chief Executive of Chestnut Hill Hospital-Tower Health. Dr. Cacciamani was raised in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Scranton.

He was awarded his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania



Dr. Cacciamani receives Person of the Year Award

Many dignitaries were in attendance, including Federal Judge the Honorable John R. Padova, who gave a wonderful introduction of the honoree.

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Cacciamani told many remarkable stories of growing up in his Italian family. Lodge President Jay Ginsburg, Esquire and Past Lodge President Dan Rendine, Esquire, served as masters of ceremony for the evening.

Additionally, Senator John Sabatina was on hand to present Dr. Cacciamani with a special citation from the Senate of Pennsylvania. The Honorable Robert S. Blasi, Financial Secretary for the Lodge, and past president as well as Dan Rendine must be thanked for putting together a wonderful evening.

School of Medicine and his MBA from the Wharton School of Business. Prior to his current position, Dr. Cacciamani has worked at both the University of Pennsylvania Health System and Temple University Hospital and Health System.

Dr. Cacciamani is a previous President of the Philadelphia County Medical Society and has been inducted as a Fellow into the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. He was previously named to the Philadelphia Business Journal's 40 Under 40.

Dr. Cacciamani is married to Kathryn "Kate" Coviello Cacciamani, a criminal defense attorney in Philadelphia. They are the proud parents of two children, John Carmen and Amelia.

## L.A.M. -VALLEY FORGE #1776 ACTIVITIES CONTINUE ON THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

On Tuesday, July 16th, the Philadelphia Phillies held its annual Italian Night. Vice President Joe D'Orazio obtained 35 tickets and the lodge members attended to watch the Phillies beat the LA Dodgers.

On Wednesday, July 10th, the L.A.M.-Valley Forge Lodge had its annual summer picnic, for the lodge members, it was well attended with more than 75 members participating at the Maenner-Chor Club in Norristown. The food was delicious and for the kids there was a moon bounce, balloons and face painting.

### Dinner Meeting Speaker

At the October dinner meeting, President Bernadette Barbone Wesler welcomed and introduced guest speaker Jean Scalesso who spoke about the Festival of Nations, a celebration of the arts and the Arianna Alliance which is a nonprofit organization.

As it is the Lodge custom, the second Wednesday of every month the members attend a dinner meeting at Pepper's Restaurant with a speaker and/or program being presented concerning Italian or Italian-American affairs.

### Mashintonio Chairs

Other activities that occurred this past summer was the annual charity golf outing chaired by Past President Tony Mashintonio in which more than 100 members and guests came out for the benefit which raised more than \$9,000.00, and recently was the Super 3000 night, also headed by Tony Mashintonio which raised approximately \$3,000.00.

As convention goes remember, the L.A.M.-Valley Forge Lodge contributed from their charity fund and also from the members' pockets more than \$23,000.00 to the various charities headed by Coaches vs Cancer, Alzheimer's, and Cooley's.

On Saturday, September 28th, the L.A.M.-



Lodge members at ballgame



Lodge members and families enjoying good food and entertainment with children



President Wesler welcoming guest speaker Jean Scalesso.

Valley Forge Lodge sponsored 15 Italian class students from Lansdale Catholic High School to attend the Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony Orchestra directed by Alan R. Scott, who's mother is Italian and is originally from Philadelphia, for a program titled "A Night in Italy".

Scott received his university training from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia,

and is in residence in Sioux Falls, SD.

The performance took place at the Christopher Dock Mennonite Academy auditorium and was attended by a number of the L.A.M.-Valley Forge #1776 members and guests.

Retired Judge and lodge member Maurino Rossanese is on the Board of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony Orchestra.



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## Giovanni Branca, Grandfather of the Industrial Revolution

By  
Peter Tafuri

A common complaint about old houses is the lack of closets. The explanation is simple; before the Industrial Revolution the average person owned little more than the clothes he or she was wearing and a few tools and implements, all of which were expensively made by hand. Machines changed all that, making mass produced goods abundant and affordable; the most important piece of this new machinery was the steam engine.

The most basic one, the aeopile, was invented in ancient times by Hero of Alexandria, but it was little more than a toy, basically a revolving sphere which was put to no practical use. This changed in the 17th century, when an Italian engineer, Giovanni Branca, invented the first modern steam engine, one that turned a turbine and thus could be used to do actual work.

### Early Life

He was born in 1571 in the town of Sant Angelo in central Italy. Not much information is available about his early life, but he apparently studied mathematics, engineering and architecture, finding work in various projects around his area. In 1616 he was appointed by the Duke of Urbino to the prestigious position of Superintendent of Works in Loreto.

Besides his official duties he designed various inventions, which, along with those of others, he eventually published in book form in his best known work, written in Italian and Latin, *Le Machine* (The Machine). Rather than expensive engravings, it is illustrated with 63 economical woodcuts of various ingenious devices, including his steam engine. This was basically a large spheroid shaped boiling vessel which ended in a tapered neck that emitted a powerful jet of steam that was directed towards the blades of a paddle wheel. He explained that with proper gearing, rods and shafts it could be used to power grinders, stamping machines, lumber mills and to pump water, a use which James Watt, who is usually credited with the invention of the steam engine, adapted. Branca himself designed a steam powered stamping mill, the first machine to use an impulse turbine. Sir Isaac Newton used components of Branca's engine to power a steam wagon, and in 1791 John Barber added a compressor to it, the prototype of the modern gas turbine which powers motor vehicles.

### Global Influence

The same year (1629) as *Le Machine* was published he also came out with his *Manuale d'Architettura* (Manual of Architecture) which was full of easy to follow advice, pointers, directions, techniques, and so forth. It was also one of the first works to scientifically study rivers, and explained why the lagoons of Venice were undergoing sedimentation. In addition, it was the first small format book of its type, making it, like *Le Machine*, inexpensive and more accessible, a boon to the impecunious, such as the English scientist and inventor Robert Hooke who is known to have had a copy of the latter.

In addition, Branca corresponded with another important scientist and mathematician, Benedetto Castelli, a friend of Galileo and the father of hydrodynamics, who remarked favorably about his studies of rivers.

### English Translation Needed

He died in 1645 in Loreto, where he had spent most of his life. Sadly, *Le Machine* only had one contemporary edition, and the *Manuale* was reprinted once in 1711. Modern reprints are available, but neither work has been translated into English. It is safe to say that while we do not know how many people had access to these books, the concepts certainly were adapted by later scientists, engineers and architects.

Ironically, Italy was one of the last European countries to industrialize, a major reason being the lack of coal and iron which made the widespread use of steam engines practical. Nevertheless, Giovanni Branca deserves a place of honor as one of those who made it all possible.

## MALTEMPO IN ITALIA

*Precipitazioni durante 12 ore nel nord Italia ha fatto diluvio e frana nelle regioni della Lombardia, Piemonte e Liguria. I Vigili Del Fuoco hanno condotto 900 operazioni nel Nord Italia alla risposta del maltempo, 226 nella provincia di Milano, 220 in Alessandria, 110 in Pavia, 110 in Lodi e 110 in Genova. La Bormida ad Alessandria oltre il livello di pericolo.*

*Dalla mattina traffico per ferrovia e strada è stato interrotto nelle 3 regioni.*

*Scuole sono state chiuse in Piemonte e Liguria. 11 livello della Bormida in Alessandria e andata da 1.2 metri di altezza dal 20 di Ottobre to 7.5 metri il 22 di Ottobre. Il fiume Orba nel Casal Cermelli è inchiesta più di 4.5 metri e arrivando 5.78 metri il 22 di Ottobre. Il dipartimento di Protezione Civile ha riportato che 130 persone sono state evacuate dalla area di Alessandria.*

*Nasa a riportato che una persona è morta quando l'automobile che lui portava quanto fu scopata dal diluvio.*

*Un'altra persona è morta in Torino in un accident causato dal maltempo. Una famiglia è stata soccorsa dai vigili de fuoco dopo la casa fu parzialmente distrutta dalla frana nel campo Ligure. 11 giorno primo 117.8mm d'acqua e caduta in Genova Pegli in 6 ore il 21 di Ottobre. Più di 130 interventi dei vigili del fuoco dalla mattina per allagamenti e soccorsi alle persone di difficoltà nella provincial di Alessandria.*

*In corso intervento per il prosciugamento di alcuni locali all'ospedale e nei sottopassi ferroviari. A Rosiglione un uomo è stato stratto dal fango dopo che fu sommerso.*

Do you have an article written entirely in Italian? If so, send it to the Times! We are looking for original pieces in our mother tongue.

## Chaplain's Corner

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smarter, than most of us, because they did not allow themselves to live under the dictatorship of noise!

What to do? We do not have complete control over this dictatorship. For instance, we will still hear, from time to time, the car with music blasting out of it, without concern for anyone. The driver certainly isn't a "thinker" and stops us from doing the same. However, the first step is to be conscious of the situation. Before long, we will be celebrating Christmas. One of the most beloved Christmas carols is "Silent Night." It reminds us that the greatest events, especially the Birth of God the Son in His human nature, take place in quiet and stillness. Great decisions are made that way. Love is spoken and expressed that way. We exercise the highest form of our human nature, to think and to know, when we reflect in some form of peaceful moment.

You may say: "Monsignor, this is easy for you to say because you don't have children and a family." Believe me, we also have our own challenges and dangers of a dictatorship of noise! What to do? Teach your children and grandchildren the value of reflection. Remind them that they are becoming slaves to their cell phones and televisions. Don't turn on the TV the minute you walk in the house. Don't turn on the radio the minute you get in the car.

As Jesus is born again for us in the silence of that Night in Bethlehem, let's ask Him for the grace to use the wonderful gifts of thought and reflection He has given us and thereby free ourselves, at least to some degree, from the "dictatorship of noise!"

### Marziello Celebrates Eight Years at Helm of Philadelphia Boys and Girls Club

It seems that Joseph Marziello has lived in almost every corner of the country, having been born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, attending college in Whittier California (where he lived in former President Richard Nixon's old dorm room), then to Utica, New York, Green Bay, Wisconsin, Portland Oregon, and finally to Philadelphia. The thing that all of these places have in common, besides Marziello, is that they are all Boys and Girls Club of

youth and maintaining his involvement throughout his college years. After five years in California, Marziello and his wife, Lisabeth, became the co-CEO's of the Boys and Girls Club of Utica.

#### Italians in Utica

"There are many Italians in Utica," Marziello said. "Everybody spoke Italian."

However, his next stop in Green Bay would be different.

"We were in Green Bay for eight years," Marziello said. "They would say, 'you're the (second) Italian I know, after Vince Lombardi.'"

The Marziello's became known for turning around clubs in need, which usually necessitated recruiting members and copious amounts of fundraising.

"We work really hard at it," Marziello said. "It's not a job for us, and we never stop talking about it. You want to make a living, but at the same time, it's very personal."

#### Eight Years in Philadelphia

Going on their eighth year in Philadelphia, the Marziello's were drawn to the city because of the history. One of the three original clubs was founded in Philadelphia, as well as

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Joseph and Lisabeth Marziello

America.

"I met my wife [in Whittier]," Marziello said. "When we got married, she said 'what would be a fun job for you to do?'"

Marziello had always enjoyed working with the Boys and Girls Club, having been a member in his

# To Remember and Honor Modern Day Auto Genius: The Legacy of Lee Iacocca

By

Anthony DeJoseph

When a group of Catholic immigrants came to this country, many of whom did not speak English, they faced racism, bigotry, and even violence as they worked to assimilate. Cruel and derogatory names were used against them designed to dehumanize and humiliate them. They were also stereotyped as criminals. This may sound like today's news but it is not. This goes back over 100 years. In fact, in 1891 the violence against these immigrants culminated in New Orleans when 11 of them were lynched.

## Harrison Declares Holiday

In an attempt to ease the tensions this group faced, President Benjamin Harrison declared in 1892 the first nationwide celebration to remember and honor the heritage of those immigrants.

Most Americans deplore cruel and violent treatment of immigrants to this country. That is why it is surprising and disturbing that two Democratic State Representatives seek to remove the reference of this celebration in Pennsylvania.

How can we condemn the cruel treatment of current immigrants when we have Democratic leaders actively working to help us forget the cruel treatment of past immigrants? Were they less important to our nation's history? Of course not.

## Education Helps Inclusion

Education and critical thinking are the tools we have to work against prejudice and toward inclusion. Let's use them.

Christopher Columbus was a great sailor, navigator, and explorer; of this there is no doubt. He was also an incompetent and cruel governor of Hispaniola; of this there is no doubt. (If this is anything, it is a great example of The Peter Principle.) However, if these two facts about Columbus are incompatible then let's seek an innovative solution, rather than just

## Capitol Visit

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Thirteen state legislators attended or attempted to attend the event, including Rep Mark Longietti, Rep Mark Rozzi, Rep Tina Davis, Rep Maris Donatucci, Rep Joe Ciresi, Sen John Sabatina, Sen Joseph Scarnati, Sen Patrick Stefano, Sen Mario Scavello, Sen Wayne Fontana, Sen Scott Martin, Sen Doug Mastriano, and Sen John DiSanto.

forget the past.

We all call ourselves "Americans." Why?

In 1501-02 the second greatest Italian sailor, navigator, and explorer landed on the continent we now call America.

He coined his discovery the "New World." He wrote about his discovery and thanks to the invention of the printing press news of his discovery spread across Europe. And in 1507 a German cartographer, Martin Waldseemuller, created a new world map and included the "New World" on it. He needed to name this "New World" so he chose to use the name of the Italian explorer.

## America is Amerigo

As was the custom in cartography, continents were named in the feminine form of Latin. That is how Amerigo Vespucci's name became America, and we all became Americans.

What is preventing us from honoring the journey and contributions of Italian-Americans while including all Americans; how about renaming Columbus Day to Amerigo Vespucci Day?

Let's not forget the past and move forward by including all.

## Discovery Is Not Creation

A note about the term "discovery." To discover something is not the same as to create something new. It is the process of adding new items to our collective and shareable body of knowledge, which then allows us to use them. Penicillin already existed yet we proclaim Alexander Fleming as the discoverer of penicillin. Gravity already existed yet we proclaim Isaac Newton as the discoverer of gravity. So, it is with the "New World." Yes, it already existed and was populated, however it was not yet part of the collective knowledge of the Europeans. The explorations of Columbus and Vespucci put the "New World" literally on the map.

# Modern Day Auto Genius: The Legacy of Lee Iacocca

On July 2, 2019, automobile icon and Italian-American luminary, Lee Iacocca passed away at his home in Los Angeles. He was 94 years old and the cause was indicated as complications from Parkinson's Disease.

Lee Iacocca was probably one of the greatest automobile luminaries of all time with his introduction of the Ford Mustang, a unique and stylist automobile in 1964, and also with his ability to generate enthusiasm among the Ford workers which caused Henry Ford, II to want to reign in his ego because of Iacocca's charismatic personality, and Ford fired him in 1978.



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## Rebuilt Chrysler

Without pausing for a breath, Lee Iacocca became Chairman of Chrysler Corporation and was, in fact, its savior from bankruptcy by persuading Congress to approve a Federal loan guarantee up to 1.5 Billion Dollars. Chrysler came back as one of the Big Three and Iacocca cut his salary to \$1.00 a year, slashed Executive salaries and persuaded suppliers to accept delayed payments and the Unions had no problems with giving him concessions until Chrysler straightened out.

The fuel efficient K-car line and the minivan models would lead the industry in sales for years and under Lee Iacocca the Company paid back its loans, all 1.2 Billion Dollars and interest in 1983, seven years before they were due!

## The Italian Way

Iacocca stated that, "We at Chrysler borrow money the old fashioned way. We pay it back." at a news conference indicating same. Privately, he said that it was also the "Italian way". Through the mid 1980's, he ranked behind only President Ronald Reagan and

Pope John Paul II in a Gallop Poll list as one of the most respected men. His 1984 memoir was on the

bestseller lists for 38 weeks and sold more than 6.5 million copies.

## Giving Back

In addition to socializing with Frank Sinatra, Iacocca was able to rouse thousands of high school students at commencement speeches and led the fundraising efforts to refurbish the Statue of Liberty at Ellis Island and was treated like a rock star at political gatherings as he looked back on his Italian-American roots with the results of the final construction at Ellis Island.

## Honored Italian American

Honored by the National Italian-American Foundation and the Order Sons of Italy in America, he was the epitome of the Italian-American success story and respected by his peers and foes alike.

His television advertisements for Chrysler made him a household name and familiar face.



Iacocca on the cover of Time Magazine in 1983

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## Humble Beginnings

His real name was Lido Anthony Iacocca and he was born in Allentown, PA on October 15, 1924 from Nicola and Antoinette who had immigrated to the United States from Italy. He learned to be an entrepreneur from his father who ran a variety of businesses, including a car rental agency and movie theaters.

He not only promoted himself with the industry commercials for Chrysler automobiles, but promoted himself for the benefit of the Italian-American image. While he may be gone, he will never be replaced or forgotten.

In a following issue we will bring you the story of Sergio Marchionne who headed Fiat-Chrysler

## Marziello

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the first African-American club. The other allure was to make the Philadelphia club a flag-ship model for the country.

"It's important for the national movement and for the clubs," Marziello said. "You're an example for everybody to look at [the club] and say 'this is the way it should be.'"

Marziello, a first generation Italian-American, said that his Italian heritage played an enormous role in his outlook on life.

"You want to assimilate, and you want to go where the other kids are going," Marziello said. "And they went to the Boys Club. If you wanted to assimilate, you went there."

Now, Joseph Marziello, half of the Manziello team with his wife, Lisabeth, helps provide thousands of Philadelphia children with the same sense of belonging he felt as a child in Massachusetts.

"We do all kinds of community outreach," Marziello said. "We have great programs including literacy, homework help, arts and culture, athletics, and leadership."

To learn more about the Marziello's and the Boys and Girls Club of Philadelphia, go to <https://www.bg-phila.org/>.

## Calendar Changes To Single Ticket

The Grand Council decided it would be more profitable for members if a single ticket was printed, rather than an entire calendar. Under this new process, winnings will be increased on daily numbers. As always, winners will promptly receive their check via mail. Tickets have been distributed to lodges through state trustees. To purchase tickets, contact your lodge, state trustees, or the Grand Lodge office.

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Column Day (10/12)	\$1000
Thanksgiving Day (11/28)	\$500
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