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Order Sons and Daughters
of Italy in America

*Massachusetts Education
and
Law Awards*

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The Creed of the Sons and Daughters of Italy

WE BELIEVE in the Government of the United States of America as the Government of the people, by the people and for the people and promise to obey and uphold its Constitution and Laws.

WE BELIEVE in Government by orderly process and reject any doctrine that tends to subvert constituted government and authority.

WE BELIEVE in filial affection and respect for the Land of our Forefathers whose heritage is our highest contribution to America's evolving civilization.

WE BELIEVE in the brotherhood of man and promise to assist our fellow members, to care for the orphans, to extend our helping hand to the widows and to comfort all those in distress.

WE BELIEVE in equal rights and duties for all, in equality of opportunity in the enjoyment of the benefits of human association extended to all without discrimination.

WE BELIEVE in freedom of expression, conscience and education and stand for individual liberty in the performance of duties as in the exercise of rights under the Constitution and laws of our Country and State.

WE BELIEVE in the future progress and expansion of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy as the beneficial agent of the Americans of Italian birth or descent for their recognition and welfare and promise to contribute to the moral, intellectual and material progress of our fellow members and to support the programs of the Order and all its activities for the welfare of Our County, Our Order, and the Community in which we live.



Program

Introduction	MR. KEVIN A. CAIRA <i>Vice Chair, Commission for Social Justice; National First Vice President</i>
Master of Ceremonies	MS. CHERYL FIANDACA <i>Chief Investigative Reporter, WBZ-TV</i>
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Remarks	MR. ARNALDO MINUTI <i>Consul Generale of Italy in Boston</i>
Remarks and Scholarship Award Presentations	MR. MICHAEL DIVENUTO <i>Chair, Scholarship Commission</i>
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Response	THE HONORABLE SALLYANN JANULEVICUS <i>Associate Justice, Massachusetts District Courts</i>
Closing	MS. CHERYL FIANDACA <i>Chief Investigative Reporter, WBZ-TV</i>

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE CHAIR

We are pleased to gather today for this annual celebration fulfilling one of the twin missions of the Commission for Social Justice: to honor and celebrate the lives and great accomplishments of Italian Americans who have contributed to our community and improved our way of life. Today, we present the Justice Award to the Honorable SallyAnn Janulevicus; the Law Enforcement Award to Police Chief Ryan Columbus; and the Public Service Award to the Honorable William 'Smitty' Pignatelli, retired MA state representative. We are also very pleased and excited to be part of this joint event with the Scholarship Commission. Congratulations to all the fine young recipients and their families.

We are confident that you will fund our event and each awardee to be both engaging and inspiring great pride in our beautiful Italian heritage.

I wish to thank Vice Chair and National First President Kevin Caira and each member of the Commission for their efforts as well as their continuing dedication to the Commission's goals and the success of this year's program. Thank you to our Chief Operating Officer Paul Guida for all the hard work he put into preparing for this event and for assisting with the program book. I also want to give special thanks to Pam Donnaruma for creating and printing the program book.

Finally, I thank State President Rodolfo Viscomi for his vision, support, and leadership.

The Commission applauds the success of this year's honorees and scholarship recipients and extends its warmest congratulations to them and their families, with best wishes for the future.

*With Warmest Regards,
Richard J. Vita, Esq.
Chair, Commission for Social Justice*

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION CHAIR

Dear Scholarship Recipients,

It is with great pride and admiration that I extend my warmest congratulations to each of you. This scholarship recognizes not only your academic achievements, but also your commitment to preserving and honoring the rich heritage of Italian culture. You carry forward a legacy shaped by resilience, creativity, and a deep appreciation for family, community, and tradition - values that continue to inspire generations.

As you pursue your educational and personal goals, I encourage you to remain connected to those roots while forging your own path. Your accomplishments reflect the enduring spirit of Italian heritage, and I have no doubt that you will contribute meaningfully to your communities and beyond. We are honored to support your journey and look forward to all that you will achieve.

*With sincere congratulations,
Michael DiVenuto
Chair, Scholarship Commission*



Cheryl Fiandaca is the Chief Investigative Reporter for the I-Team at WBZ-TV/CBS Boston.

An award-winning broadcast journalist, Fiandaca joined WBZ-TV in 2017 from the former NBC affiliate in Boston. Over the past several years, she has distinguished herself with her special brand of investigative journalism: getting exclusive interviews with newsmakers, uncovering information on breaking news stories, and conducting wide-ranging investigations that have led to changes in government and the law.

Fiandaca started her journalism career in New York at WABC-TV and later moved to WCBS-TV. She briefly stepped away from reporting in 2012 to become the spokesperson for the Boston Police Department. Her communications team won numerous awards and accolades for its use of social media to push information out during the Boston Marathon bombing.

Fiandaca is an attorney licensed to practice law in Massachusetts, New York, and the District of Columbia. She earned a B.S. from Suffolk University and a J.D. from New England Law, both located in Boston. *You can connect with her on Twitter at @CherylFiandaca.*



Vanessa Naghdi is a young soprano originally from the Washington, D.C. area. This season, Ms. Naghdi covered the operatic role of Marie in *La fille du régiment* with St. Petersburg Opera Company. She performed the role of Flora in *La Traviata* with MassOpera and created the role of Linda in the premiere of *Reap What You Soul* with Promenade Opera Project this past season. Ms. Naghdi was also the Soprano Soloist in Vivaldi's *Gloria* with the Newburyport Choral Society. Performances last season include competing as a finalist in Opera Connecticut's American Opera Idol Competition, which she stepped into with less than 12 hours' notice. She will be performing with NEMPAC Opera

Project, Mixtape Recital Series, and recording selections from a new chamber opera this season.

Ms. Naghdi was recently an Artist in Residence with Opera Colorado, where she reprised her role of Nannetta in *Falstaff*, created the role of Mrs. Soep and covered Ina Soep in the world premiere of the opera *Steal a Pencil for Me*, performed the roles of Adina in *The Elixir of Love* and Clorinda in *Cinderella* (touring productions) and covered the role of Musetta in *La bohème*. She performed as a soloist with the Washington Women's Chorus Concert Series at the Strathmore Music Center. Ms. Naghdi also created the role of Diane Slawyer in the premiere of the new musical *Endangered!* at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. She has also portrayed Suor Genovieffa in *Suor Angelica* and Solo Angel in *Die Jungfrau von Orléans* with the Mittelsächsisches Theater and Philharmonic in Germany.

Ms. Naghdi holds a Master of Music in Opera Performance from Arizona State University and a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from Virginia Commonwealth University. She resides with her husband in their home of Tewksbury, MA. More information: www.vanessanaghdi.com



Public Service Award

Presented to

The Honorable William "Smitty" Pignatelli

*Former State Representative,
3rd & 4th Berkshire District*

Born and raised in Lenox, MA and named after his father's best friend who was killed in WWII, William "Smitty" Pignatelli has dedicated nearly 5 decades to public service, community leadership, and entrepreneurial innovation. Deeply committed to the well-being of his hometown, the Berkshires and the Commonwealth, Smitty most recently stepped forward to serve as Interim Town Manager of Lenox, guiding the community through a critical transition period until the hiring of a permanent Town Manager in 2025.

First elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 2002, Smitty represented the 3rd & 4th Berkshire Districts—the largest in the House—with distinction for 22 years. He rose to Dean of the Western Massachusetts delegation and is recognized for his steadfast advocacy, collaborative leadership style, and deep understanding of the region's needs.

During his legislative tenure, Smitty served as House Chairman of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture; Vice Chairman of the House Rules Committee; and as a member of the Joint Committees on Financial Services. He also served on the House Committee on Ways & Means, the Joint Committee on Higher Education, and Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts & Culture. Additionally, he is a former House Chair of the Cultural Caucus, reflecting his long-standing commitment to the Commonwealth's cultural and creative economy.

His civic career began in 1977 and was first elected to the Lenox Planning Board in 1987. Five years later, he was elected to the Lenox Board of Selectmen, serving until 2003 and chairing the board four times. From 1995–1999, he also served as a Berkshire County Commissioner, including two years as Chairman.

He holds an honorary Doctorate from MCLA and a finance degree from Babson College.

Award, Judge John A. Barry Community Service Award, Berkshire South Community Center Hero Award, Project 351 Service Hero, UCP Humanitarian Award, Hope for Stanley Outstanding Public Service Award, Louisiana American Italian Sport Hall of Fame Humanitarian Award for leading a team of 25 volunteers to rebuild a house devastated by Hurricane Katrina. He is also a Kentucky Colonel and was the subject of Norman Rockwell's "Boy Astronaut" commemorating the landing on the moon in 1969.

Smitty continues to lend his time, expertise, and passion to numerous nonprofit and cultural organizations. He serves as a trustee of Adams Community Bank, sits on the Board of Directors of Berkshire South Regional Community Center, and is a member of the Lenox Affordable Housing Trust.

Across every role, Smitty's career reflects an unwavering dedication to community, a deep love for the Berkshires, and a belief in community service as a force for meaningful and lasting change.



Law Enforcement Award

Presented to

Ryan M. Columbus **Tewksbury Police Chief**

Ryan M. Columbus was born and raised in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. In 1993, when he was a student at Tewksbury High School, his football coach and Tewksbury Police sergeant took Columbus and other interested students on a tour of the police department. "I remember him telling me a story about the team approach, and officers looking out for each other," Columbus said. "It was something that really stuck with me."

Dreaming of being an officer in his hometown, Columbus enrolled in Anna Maria College and earned a master's degree in criminal justice.

He began his career in 1998 as a part-time officer with the Monson Police Department. After moving to the Boxborough Police Department and then the Acton Police Department, Columbus joined the Tewksbury Police Department in 2000 as a patrol officer. He rose through several leadership ranks including Sergeant Patrol Supervisor, Administrative Lieutenant, and Detective Lieutenant prior to his appointment as Chief in June 2020.

While rising through the ranks he attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in 2014 and has advanced specialized training in areas ranging from diversity and electronic crimes to street level narcotics.

During his tenure as Chief, the department achieved its first ever accreditation from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) in 2024. Chief Columbus has a strong focus on community policing and led the department in joining the IACP Trust Building Campaign to enhance trust between police and the community.

He attended the Senior Management Institute for Police, a prestigious three-week executive training program for mid to upper-level police executives, run by the Police Executive Research Forum at Boston University in 2025. The program combines academic theory from universities like Harvard and MIT with practical law enforcement strategies, covering leadership, organizational change, and budgeting.

Chief Columbus has always prioritized officer well-being, which was recognized in 2025 with the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association Health and Wellness Leadership Award.

Chief Columbus was honored by the Massachusetts Partnerships for Youth for his commitment to youth health and safety with the Dr. Patrick A. Schettini Jr. Memorial Award in 2025.

Chief Columbus is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force Reserves, where he served as a Staff Sergeant leading airmen in base defense, law enforcement, and security operations.

Chief Columbus has served as the Vice President of the Middlesex County Police Chiefs since 2020, as an Executive Board member of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association since 2024. He has been a committee member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Professional Standards, Ethics, and Image Committee, and the Community Policing and Behavioral Health Advisory Council since 2025.

Chief Columbus has been active in community outreach, including the Junior Police Academy and "Badge for Business" partnerships with local companies, and a vocal advocate for safety at Tewksbury State Hospital, recently addressing concerns regarding the removal of less-lethal tools from hospital security personnel.



Justice Award

Presented to

The Honorable SallyAnn Janulevicus

*Associate Justice of the District Court Department
of the Massachusetts Trial Court*

In 1922, at 16 years old, Modesto Giuseppe (“Moe”) Panaccione came to America from a village named after his family in the Cassino Region of Italy. His parents and six of his twelve siblings traveled to America after a fire devastated their family olive groves in 1918, leaving him in the care of his

oldest brother, Guiseppe, who was a member of the Arma dei Carabinieri (local law enforcement who also seroed as military troops in Southern Italy).

He traveled to Massachusetts in order to join his family members who had settled in a small farming community in Western Massachusetts called Barre. He was sponsored by his brother, Atilio, who needed help building houses for the influx of Southern Italian immigrants coming to the town to work at Allen’s Foundry (home of the Allen Wrench) and Barre Wool Combing Company. He met and married Giovanna (“Jenny”) Rossi while building her family’s home in 1936. The Rossi family was from Naples. They traveled to America after famine and poverty overtook Southern Italy. There were five sisters and one son in the Rossi family. Jenny was often referred to as “the most beautiful girl in Barre,” by both her husband and many of her friends. Moe and Jenny had four children together and five grandchildren; Judge Janulevicus is one of those five grandchildren.

Judge Janulevicus graduated from Boston College in 1985 and from New England School of Law in 1990; she was the first of her immediate family members to attend college. As a law student, she had the good fortune to clerk for an Italian American attorney who introduced her to the Justinian Law Society. As a member of the Justinian, she met many colleagues and friends - some becoming more like brothers than friends. She rose through the ranks serving in each Office of the Justinian before becoming President in 2000.

As a sole practitioner in Downtown Boston for over thirty years she concentrated in criminal defense and divorce litigation. She served as the Secretary and Director of the National Italian Bar Association for several terms; was an active member and Director of the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame for several terms; and has been a member of OSIA for decades. Judge Janulevicus also served as the Secretary of the Italian Heritage Month committee from 1999 to 2000 and was proud to be part of that committee when Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci signed the bill designating October as Italian Heritage Month in 2000. She was the recipient of the Italian Woman of the Year Award from the Women’s Italian Club of Boston in 2000.

In addition to many cultural groups, Judge Janulevicus was previously an active member of the Bar Advocate Board of Directors for the Boston Bar Association, Massachusetts Academy of Criminal Defense Attorneys, Massachusetts Association of Women Lawyers, Essex County Bar Association Board of Directors and Greater Lynn Bar Association. She was a Lawyer of the Day volunteer for Norfolk and Essex County Probate Courts, as well as a volunteer lawyer for Aid to Incarcerated Mothers for more than a decade.

In 2021 Governor Charles D. Baker appointed her Associate Justice of the District Court Department of the Trial Court. She primarily sits in Peabody District Court and is assigned to Region III. In 2025 Judge Janulevicus was appointed to the District Court Mental Health Committee. Judge Janulevicus served as an Adjunct Professor at New England School of Law for several years, where she taught first and second year law students the craft of legal writing and argument formulation. She is currently working to co-author a book for the Flaschner Judicial Institute on Plea Procedure in the District and Municipal Courts.

She continues to serve as a Director for the Justinian Law Society and had the recent honor of co-hosting the Justinian Meet the Judges dinner for 2025.

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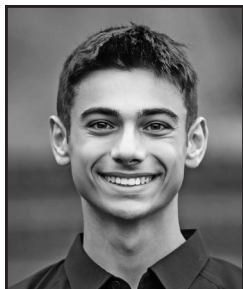
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GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



SAVERIO R. ROMANO - JOHN B. BREGLIO AWARD

GIANLUCA LOCILENTO is from Danvers, Massachusetts and will attend Saint Michael's College to study business administration. He speaks Italian at home and is captain of the varsity soccer team.



JOHN SAPORITO - LUIGI FIATO AWARD

ALEXANDER CIANCIULLI-MORTON is from Amherst, Massachusetts and will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute to study computer science. He is an avid rock climber, involved in the robotics club, and speaks Italian.



JOSEPH T. ZOTTOLI - VINCENT BROGNA AWARD

MICHAEL CESARIO is from Walpole, Massachusetts and will attend the University of Connecticut to study business. During high school, he played varsity football and basketball and was a member of student council.



FELIX FORTE - MICHAEL A. FREDO AWARD

FRANCESCA RAPONI is from Pocasset, Massachusetts and will attend Providence College to study business administration. During high school, she played varsity golf, soccer, lacrosse, and basketball, and studied Latin.



JOSEPH GORRASI - ANTHONY JULIAN AWARD

ANASOPHIA GIRGINIS is affiliated with the Dante Alighieri Lodge # 648 and is from Newton, Massachusetts. She plans to attend the Massachusetts Maritime Academy to study marine engineering. During high school, she participated in martial arts, including Muay Thai and jujutsu.

GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



JOSEPH B. SILVERIO - JOHN GUARINO AWARD

PEYTON MONAST is affiliated with the Vittorio Veneto Lodge # 1035 and is from Somerset, Massachusetts. She will attend Bridgewater State University to study elementary education. In high school, she was a member of student council, a staff writer for the school newspaper, and involved in the theater program.



PAUL A. D'AGOSTINO - PETER E. DONADIO AWARD

ISABELLA REARDON is affiliated with the Piave Fiume Lodge # 1036 and is from Belmont, Massachusetts. She plans to attend the University of Massachusetts Lowell to study nursing. In high school, she participated in color guard and is also a singer and songwriter.



ALDO A. CAIRA - PETER B. GAY AWARD

SAMANTHA BOLANOS is affiliated with the Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge # 2183 and is from Wilmington, Massachusetts. She plans to attend Stonehill College to study psychology. During high school, she participated in dance and marching band and is an honors Italian language student.



LOUIS W. SALVATORE - GUY ARIGO AWARD

EVAN TRUDEL is affiliated with the Piave Fiume Lodge # 1036 and is from Waltham, Massachusetts. He will study electrical technology at the Peterson School. During high school, he was a member of the Italian club, coached Special Olympics basketball, and studied Italian all four years.



HENRY FRISSORA JR. - CHARLES H. PERENICK AWARD

ABIGAIL FIORE is affiliated with the Winchester Men's Lodge # 1580 and is from Stoneham, Massachusetts. She will attend the University of Rhode Island to study business marketing. In high school, she served as a Green Key Ambassador and volunteered with Best Buddies.

GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



ANGELO FURNARI – PHILIP R. BONCORE AWARD

SARA REPPUCCI is affiliated with the Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge # 2183 and is from Wilmington, Massachusetts. She plans to attend the University of Minnesota to study political science. During high school, she was an active swimmer and led Swim Across America initiatives.



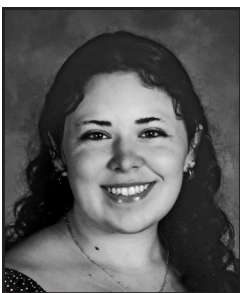
JOSEPH S. GIUFFRIDA AWARD

AVA MELANSON is affiliated with the Methuen Lodge # 902 and is from Methuen, Massachusetts. She plans to attend Quinnipiac University to study nursing. In high school, she served as costume crew chief for her theater club and was a member of the Junior Lodge of the Sons of Italy.



JOSEPH RUSSO AWARD

ISABELLA PICARDI is affiliated with the Greater Boston Renaissance Lodge # 2614 and is from Georgetown, Massachusetts. She plans to attend the University of New Hampshire to study veterinary medicine. During high school, she was involved in equestrian hunter/jumper and volunteered at the Essex Veterinary Clinic.



KEVIN A. CAIRA AWARD

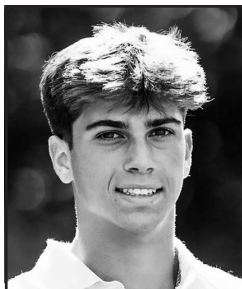
MEGHAN PETRONE is affiliated with the Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge # 2183 and is from Tewksbury, Massachusetts. She plans to attend Framingham State University to study studio art. In high school, she was involved in student council, played ice hockey, and participated in Girl Scouts.



FLORENCE FERULLO GUIDARA AWARD

SOPHIA LAFAUCI is affiliated with the Piave Fiume Lodge # 1036 and is from Waltham, Massachusetts. She plans to attend the University of Connecticut to study nursing. During high school, she played hockey and basketball and is an honors Italian language student.

GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



JAMES DISTEFANO AWARD

ROCCO SCENNA is affiliated with the Piave Fiume Lodge # 1036 and is from Lynnfield, Massachusetts. He plans to attend Bowdoin College to study economics. During high school, he played varsity soccer and studied the Italian language.



CARMELITA BELLO AWARD

EMILY MERCIER is affiliated with the Santa Famiglia Lodge # 2834 and is from Salem, Massachusetts. She plans to attend Fordham University to study psychology. During high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society, participated in Girl Scouts, and played lacrosse.



ANTONIO SESTITO AWARD

ADRIANA PETREYKO is affiliated with the Greater Boston Renaissance Lodge # 2614 and is from Natick, Massachusetts. She plans to attend Bentley University to study business. During high school, she volunteered at an annual softball tournament and, in her free time, helps renovate homes with her father.



DENISE FURNARI AWARD

NOAH SMADI is affiliated with the Sgt. Guido Petrilli Lodge # 1606 and is from Dedham, Massachusetts. He will attend Northeastern University to study engineering. During high school, he played soccer, worked as a lifeguard and swim instructor, and has studied Italian every Saturday since 2014.



RODOLFO VISCOMI AWARD

CHRISTOPHER HIGGINS is affiliated with the Piave Fiume Lodge # 1036 and is from Watertown, Massachusetts. He plans to attend MassBay Community College to study mechanical engineering. He is passionate about science and is inspired by Italian scientists such as Marconi and Volta.

SPECIAL AWARDS



CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS LODGE # 216

IN MEMORY OF LOUIS A. TARANTINO

JOSEPHINE PEDONE is affiliated with the Worcester Lodge #168 and is from West Boylston, Massachusetts. She plans to attend Florida Gulf Coast University to study criminal justice. During high school, she worked as a gymnastics coach, volunteered with Special Olympics, and assisted at her local Italian feast.



IN MEMORY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE

REGINA MARGHERITA DISAVOIA MIXED LODGE # 1094 AWARD

MIA MACLEAN is affiliated with the Greater Boston Renaissance Lodge # 2614 and is from Wayland, Massachusetts. She will attend the University of Maryland to study psychology. During high school, she played volleyball and is a singer and pianist who also plays guitar.

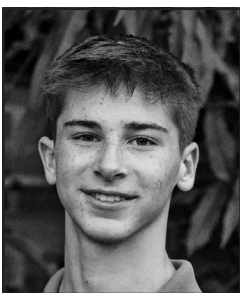


WAKEFIELD LODGE # 1734 AWARD

IN MEMORY OF

PHYLLIS NATOLA, DOTTIE TECCE, AND ROSE GALLAGHER

JAKE LAWLER is affiliated with the Wakefield Lodge # 1734 and is from Stoneham, Massachusetts. He plans to attend Georgetown University to study international business. In high school, he was a member of the Italian Pen Pal Club and the yearbook club and is an AP Italian student.



WAKFIELD LODGE # 1734 AWARD

IN MEMORY OF

PHYLLIS NATOLA, DOTTIE TECCE, AND ROSE GALLAGHER

MARCUS FAUCÓN is affiliated with the Wakefield Lodge # 1734 and is from North Andover, Massachusetts. He plans to attend North Carolina State University to study industrial design. During high school, he played soccer and was part of an Eastern Conference championship team.



LAWRENCE LADIES LODGE # 2026 AWARD

IN MEMORY OF MARY H. PAOLINO

LUKE DOUGHERTY is affiliated with the Lawrence Ladies Lodge # 2026 and is from Natick, Massachusetts. He plans to attend Skidmore College to study business. In high school, he was captain of the Division I state champion soccer team and also served as captain of the baseball team.

SPECIAL AWARDS



LAWRENCE LADIES LODGE # 2026 AWARD IN HONOR OF MARY LEONE

GIACOMO BERARDINELLI III is affiliated with the Piave Fiume Lodge # 1036 and is from Burlington, Massachusetts. He plans to attend Quinnipiac University to study finance. During high school, he participated in golf, hockey, and baseball.



ANGELO GIUSEPPE RONCALLI LODGE # 2183 AWARD

LILLIAN KING is affiliated with the Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge # 2183 and is from Wilmington, Massachusetts. She plans to attend Sacred Heart University to study nursing. During high school, she participated in varsity cheerleading, track and field, and studied the Italian language.



ALDO A. CAIRA MEMORIAL AWARD

OLIVIA SARAGOSA is affiliated with the Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge # 2183 and is from Wilmington, Massachusetts. She plans to attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst to study biology. In high school, she was a drum major in the marching band, president of the a cappella group, and an honors Italian language student.



BERNARD AND VIRGINIA HORN MEMORIAL AWARD

JOSEPH SERRA is affiliated with the Wakefield Lodge # 1734 and is from North Reading, Massachusetts. He will attend Boston College to study economics. During high school, he played varsity soccer, served as manager of the baseball team, and was the youngest Eucharistic minister at his parish, in addition to volunteering in CCD.



STAN RADOMSKI MEMORIAL AWARD

SCOTT BEUOY is affiliated with the Winthrop Mixed Lodge # 2057 and is from Winthrop, Massachusetts. He plans to attend Santa Clara University to study international business. In high school, he was a member of the mock trial team, participated in water polo and baseball, and was active in the Boy Scouts.

*Congratulations
to all the Scholarship Recipients,
Especially to Our Wilmington Scholars:*

Samantha Bolanos

Lillian King

Meghan Petrone

Sara Reppucci

Olivia Saragosa

President John Romano

and the Members of the

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge # 2183

of Wilmington



*Congratulations to the 2026
Recipients of the Social Justice Awards
and the Scholarship Recipients*

*Best wishes to our niece
Samantha Bolanos*

*Cheryl and Kevin Caira
National 1st Vice President, OSDIA*



Congratulations

to all the Scholarship Recipients.
Especially to our Watertown Scholars:

Giacomo Berardinelli III
Christopher Higgins
Sophia LaFauci Isabella
Reardon
Rocco Scenna Evan
Trudel

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President Ross Zagami
and the Members of the
Piave Fiume Lodge 1036
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Thank you to the Law, Justice and
Public Service Honorees for your faithful
service to the Commonwealth.*

*Angelo and Carol Rossi
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Congratulations, Mia

*We are beyond proud of the young
woman you have become.*

*As you begin this new chapter of your
life, we are confident that nothing
but success will be yours.*

*Love you
to the Moon and Beyond
Mom, "Cree" and Jameson
Nonnie and "Eepey"*

Congratulations

to the

Scholarship Recipients

and the

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The Honorable SallyAnn Janulevicus

Tewksbury Police Chief Ryan Columbus

and

Former State Representative William “Smitty” Pignatelli.

from the

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Gianluca,

Ti auguriamo tanta fortuna. Siamo tanto fieri di te per tutto il percorso che hai fatto e per il duro lavoro che ti ha portato dove sei adesso.

Credi sempre in te e continua così, che la vita ti darà tutto ciò che meriti.

Con tutto il nostro amore,

Mamma e Papà



Congratulations!

The Honorable SallyAnn Janulevicus – ***Justice Awardee***
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The Honorable William “Smitty” Pignatelli – ***Public Service Awardee***

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*Congratulations to All the
Award Recipients
including our
Past-President and Historian
The Honorable SallyAnn Janulevicus
Your dedication and relentless effort
are truly inspiring
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*Congratulations to our
Distinguished Law Day Honorees
and Best Wishes
for continued success to the
Scholarship Recipients
from
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Josephine,

We are so proud of all that you have accomplished and the incredible person you've become.

As you begin this exciting new chapter, we can't wait to see all that lies ahead for you.

Wishing you the very best as you start your journey at Florida Gulf Coast University.

*With all our love,
Great Grandma and Grandma*

***Congratulations
to the
Deserving
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Honorees***



***Grande Officiale
Lino Rullo
and
Family***

Congratulations to
The Honorable
WILLIAM "SMITTY"
PIGNATELLI
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3rd Berkshire District
Recipient of the
Law and Justice
Public Service Award

Our Lodge is pleased to have nominated this respected Italian American for his outstanding dedication to the people of Berkshire County. During his 22 years in office, he advanced many initiatives for the benefit of the citizens of his district, and his compassion, integrity and tireless advocacy have left a lasting legacy.



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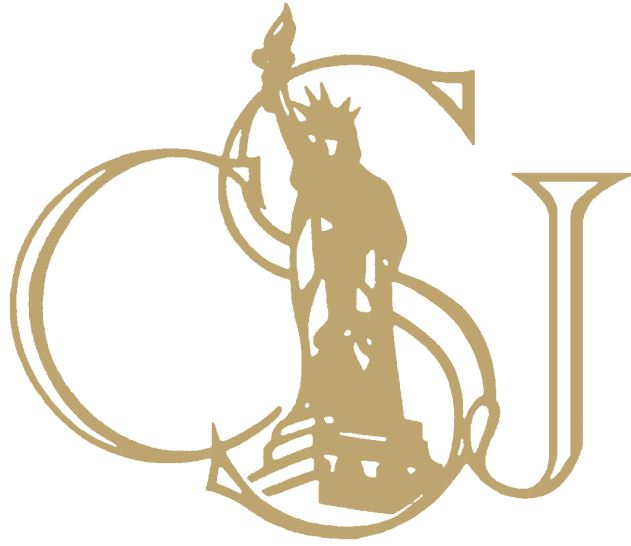
	JUSTICE AWARD	LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD	PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD
2024	<i>Hon. Ronald J. Mariano</i> Speaker Massachusetts House of Representatives	<i>Robert J. Jaworski</i> Officer Winthrop Police Department	<i>Andrew Biggio</i> Officer Boston Police Department
2023	<i>Hon. Matthew J. Machera</i> First Justice Chelsea District Court	<i>Hon. Marian T. Ryan</i> District Attorney Middlesex County	<i>Joseph J. Albanese</i> Chairman and CEO Commodore Builders
2022	<i>Hon. Anthony M. Campo, Jr.</i> Justice Massachusetts Superior Court	<i>Robin A. DeMarco</i> Lieutenant Boston Police Department	<i>Joseph A. Boncore, Esq.</i> CEO Mass Biotech Council Former State Senator
2019	<i>Hon. Michael D. Ricciuti</i> Justice Massachusetts Superior Court	<i>Frank Scarpa, Jr.</i> Lieutenant, Ret. Winthrop Police Department	<i>Carlo B. Geromini</i> Educator and Community Activist
2018	<i>Hon. Andrew M. D'Angelo</i> Associate Justice Worcester District Court	<i>George E. Juliano</i> Lieutenant Detective Commander Boston Police Department	<i>Dr. Francis R. Mazzaglia</i> Co-Founder, Italian American Alliance Chairman, Italian Heritage Committee
2017	<i>Hon. Dennis J. Curran</i> Associate First Justice Massachusetts Superior Court	<i>Alessandro Pizzi</i> Chief Probation Officer, Ret. Massachusetts Trial Court	<i>Hon. Joseph R. Faretra</i> Clerk Magistrate East Boston District Court
2016	<i>Hon. Michael J. Pomarole</i> Acting First Justice Dedham District Court	<i>Charles E. Wilson</i> Lieutenant Detective Boston Police Department	<i>Donato Frattaroli</i> Restaurateur and Philanthropist
2015	<i>The Hon. Robert B. Calagione</i> First Justice, Milford Dist. Court Associate Justice, Westborough District Court	<i>Mr. Robert J. Ferullo, Jr.</i> Chief of Police, Woburn Police Department	<i>Hon. Joseph A. Curtatone</i> Mayor City of Somerville
2014	<i>Hon. Peter C. DiGangi</i> Circuit Justice Mass. Probate & Family Court	<i>Leo A. Sacco</i> Chief of Police Medford Police Department	<i>Michael A. Caira</i> Former Town Manager Town of Wilmington
			SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD <i>Jeffrey J. Pugliese, James Caruso, Patrick Menton, & Timothy Menton</i> Watertown First Responders
2013	<i>Hon. Frank M. Gaziano</i> Assoc. Justice of Superior Court	<i>Frank A. Mancini</i> Superintendent Boston Police Dept.	<i>Hon Linda Balzotti</i> Mayor City of Brockton
2012	<i>Hon. Edward M. Viola</i> District Justice, Ret.	<i>Michael Fabbri, Esq.</i> Asst. District Attorney & Chief Trial Counsel, Middlesex County	<i>Dr. Karen A. Panetta</i> Professor Tufts University
			DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD <i>Robert C. DeNapoli</i> Officer, Woburn Police Department
2011	<i>Hon. Paul E. Perachi</i> First Justice Berkshire Juvenile Court	<i>James P. Muscato</i> Asst. Superintendent of Law Enforcement Plymouth County Sheriff Dept.	<i>Karyn E. Polito</i> Former State Representative
			SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD <i>Dan Rea</i> , WBZ News Radio 1030
2010	<i>Hon. Vito A. Virzi</i> Justice Westborough District Court	<i>Alan R. DeNaro</i> Chief of Police Haverhill Police Department	<i>Michael A. Sullivan</i> Clerk of Courts Middlesex Superior Court

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2009	<i>Hon. Maurice R. Flynn, III</i> Presiding Justice Somerville District Court	<i>Gerard Eramo</i> Officer Rockland Police Department	<i>Mario A. Orangio</i> Chief Watertown Fire Department
2008	<i>Hon. Neil J. Walker</i> Presiding Justice Lowell District Court	<i>Steven C. Marcolini</i> Sergeant Detective Marshfield Police Department	<i>Lino Rullo, Co-Founder</i> October as Italian-American Heritage Month
2007	<i>Hon. Gerard T. Leone, Jr.</i> District Attorney Middlesex County	<i>Hon. Michael G. Bellotti</i> High Sheriff Norfolk County	<i>Hon. Robert A. DeLeo</i> Massachusetts House of Representatives
2006	<i>Hon. Joseph I. Macy</i> Associate Justice Massachusetts Trial Court	<i>Maj. Martha A. Catalano</i> Division of Field Services Troop C Commander Troop C, Massachusetts State Police	<i>Hon. Marie J. Parente</i> Massachusetts House of Representatives
2005	<i>Hon. Peter F. LoConto</i> Justice Worcester District Court	<i>Hon. Daniel Conley</i> District Attorney Suffolk County	<i>Hon. Salvatore DiMasi</i> Speaker, Massachusetts House of Representatives
2004	<i>Hon. Rudolph A. Sacco, Ret.</i> Justice Massachusetts Trial Court	<i>Anthony Dichio</i> United States Marshall	<i>Hon. Robert E. Travaglini</i> President Massachusetts State Senate
2003	<i>Hon. Joseph A. Grasso</i> Justice Appeals Court of Massachusetts	<i>Michael C. Mucci</i> Major / Troop E Commander Massachusetts State Police	<i>Robert A. "Ted" Tomasone</i> Clerk Magistrate Somerville District Court
2002	<i>Hon. Vieri Guy Volterra</i> Justice Massachusetts Superior Court	<i>Michael V. Torretta</i> Group Supervisor Drug Enforcement Admin.	<i>Fr. Michael P. Bafaro, Pastor</i> Our Lady of Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Parish, Worcester
2001	<i>Hon. Suzanne V. Del Vecchio</i> Chief Justice Massachusetts Superior Court	<i>Charles J. Cellucci</i> Deputy Superintendent Boston Police Department	<i>John Joseph Moakley</i> United States Representative Massachusetts Congressman Ninth District
2000	<i>Hon. Francis X. Spina</i> Justice Supreme Judicial Court	<i>Col. John DiFava</i> Superintendent Massachusetts State Police	<i>Hon. Michael E. Capuano</i> Massachusetts Congressman Eighth District
1999	<i>Hon. Prudence McGregor</i> Associate Justice Bristol Probate Court	<i>Joseph N. Perritano</i> Chief of Police Winchester Police Department	<i>Francis D. Privitera, Esq.</i> Attorney and Entrepreneur <i>Hon. Thomas M. Menino</i> Mayor of Boston
1998	<i>Hon. Michael T. Stella</i> First Justice Lawrence District Court	<i>James V. DiPaola</i> Sheriff Middlesex County	<i>Joseph J. Bevilacqua</i> President/CEO - Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce <i>Yolanda M. Cellucci, President</i> Yolanda Enterprises, Inc.
1997	<i>Hon. Robert A. Cornetta</i> Justice Ipswich District Court	<i>George J. DiBlasi</i> Chief of Police Norwood Police Department	<i>John M. Moscardelli, Jr.</i> Member of the Governor's Judicial Nominating Commission <i>Paul A. LaCamera</i> Vice President and General Manager WCVB-TV

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1996	<i>Hon. Alfred A. Barbalunga</i> Justice - Massachusetts Trial Court Pittsfield District Court	<i>Robert Hayden</i> Chief of Police Lawrence Police Department	<i>A. Joseph DeNucci</i> State Auditor Commonwealth of Massachusetts
			<i>Rev. Joseph A. Cogo</i> Pastor Sacred Heart Church North End-Boston, Massachusetts
1995	<i>Hon. Peter W. Agnes, Jr.</i> Justice, Massachusetts Trial Court Charlestown District Court	<i>John J. Conte, Esq.</i> D.A. Middle District (Worcester County & Bellingham)	<i>North End Athletic Association</i> Accepted by Robert A. "Ted" Tomasone, Vice Pres.
1994	<i>Hon. Santo Ruma</i> Justice, Massachusetts Trial Court Peabody District Court	<i>Sgt. Joseph P. Mastrorilli</i> Detective Division M.B.T.A.	<i>Bob Lobel</i> Genesis Fund Sports Director - WBZ-TV
1993	<i>Hon. Domenic J. F. Russo</i> Justice - Massachusetts Trial Court East Boston District Court	<i>A. John Pappalardo, Esq.</i> U.S. Attorney General District of Massachusetts	<i>Pamela C. Donnaruma</i> Publisher Post-Gazette
1992	<i>Hon. Joseph A. Furnari</i> Presiding Justice Ipswich District Court	<i>Capt. Phillip M. Vitti</i> Comm. Off. Dist. E-18 Boston Police Department	<i>Rev. Joseph J. Baggetta</i> Chaplain/Director Pastoral Care John J. Connolly Youth Center
1991	<i>Hon. Joseph V. Ferrino</i> Justice - Massachusetts Trial Court East Boston District Court	<i>Sgt. Fidele Centrella</i> Detective Sergeant, Homicide Cambridge Police Department	<i>Ms. Kip Tiernan</i> Founder Rosie's Place
1990	<i>Hon. Charlotte A. Perretta</i> Associate Justice Massachusetts Appeals Court	<i>Supt. Joseph V. Saia, Jr.</i> Bureau of Investigative Services Boston Police Department	<i>Mr. Fred Vittiglio</i> Founder/Executive Director Casa Monte Cassino
1989	<i>Hon. Robert C. Rufo</i> Sheriff Suffolk County	<i>Mr. Joseph R. Barresi</i> Inspector General Commonwealth of Massachusetts	<i>Mr. Anthony M. Iasozza, Jr.</i> Founder/Executive Director Project Self
1988	<i>Hon. Frank J. Montemuro, Jr.</i> Supreme Court Judge Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	<i>Sgt. Camen V. Tammaro</i> Staff Sergeant Massachusetts State Police	<i>Mr. Robert Anastas</i> Founder/Executive Director Students Against Drunk Driving
1987	<i>Guido Calabresi</i> Dean Yale University Law School	<i>Alexander J. Cella</i> Professor Suffolk University Law School	<i>Mr. Jack Williams</i> WBZ-TV, "A Wednesday's Child"
1986	<i>Hon. A. David Mazzone</i> United States District Judge District of Massachusetts	<i>Francis X. Bellotti</i> Attorney General Commonwealth of Massachusetts	<i>Ms. Jane Mohns</i> Director The Dianne DeVanna Center
1985	<i>Hon. Foster Furcolo</i> United States Administrative Law Judge	<i>Mr. Frank J. Trabucco</i> Commissioner of Public Safety Commonwealth of Massachusetts	<i>Ms. Carol E. Lawler, Pres.</i> <i>Ms. Marion Stokes, V.P.</i> Mothers Against Drunk Driving
1984	<i>Hon. Francis J. Quirico</i> Justice Supreme Judicial Court	<i>Mr. Joseph Sainato, Jr.</i> Sen. Explosive & Bomb Technician Massachusetts State Police	<i>Mr. Dave Maynard</i> WBZ Radio Mr. A. B. "Bill" Hartman V.P./General Manager WBZ Radio



Commission For Social Justice

The Commission for Social Justice (CSJ) is comprised of state and local chapters organized through the Sons and Daughters of Italy and united by a governing national commission. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Commission for Social Justice is an integral part of this nationwide effort. Its objective is to ensure equal concern, treatment, respect, and opportunity for all people. The Commission works tirelessly, not only to eliminate that which is misrepresentative and ethnically insensitive, but to accentuate and promote that which offers a true and positive portrayal of the Italian American.

Success, though hard fought, has gratified those who have willingly taken part in the fight for social justice. New and productive alliances have been formed with business and labor, cultural and educational institutions, and civic and social organizations. The Commission's on-going and persistent efforts to eliminate media stereotyping have earned the respect of the vast and powerful broadcast and print industries.

For more than a century, the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America has been involved in the important work of anti-defamation. Rooted in its very founding was a commitment to combat widespread prejudice and discrimination against our nation's early immigrants. Today, the Order has emerged as the nation's leading voice for American men and women of Italian descent.