



CALIFORNIA

In 1949, New York Yankee fans presented Joe DiMaggio with a 22-foot Chris Craft pleasure boat. DiMaggio gave it his own nickname, “Joltin Joe”; shipped it to his hometown of Martinez and would cruise the San Francisco Bay in it. Now owned by the city, the boat fell into disrepair. Enter the **Diablo Valley Lodge #2167**. Members are holding fund-raisers and collecting donations to restore the boat, which will be housed in a controlled environment to preserve this valuable piece of sports memorabilia, according to lodge president **Charles Massetti**.



How the “Joltin Joe” will look when restored

PENNSYLVANIA



It’s only six months old, but the *Nick Cantone Lodge #2857* in Harrisburg already has 635 lodge and social members, reports lodge president **Joseph Gallati**.

The lodge also found a unique solution to a meeting place when it leased a well-known Italian restaurant’s premises as the lodge’s club and named the lodge after the restaurant’s owner, who will manage the premises.

“We expect a large increase in membership as soon as we receive our state club license,” Gallati says.

Members of the Nick Cantone Lodge socialize in their new club.



MASSACHUSETTS

The **Columbia Lodge #540** in Taunton has honored the memory of **Peter B. Gay**, a 70-year member and former OSIA national president (1973-75), by naming the lodge after him, “as a lasting tribute to Mr. Gay and his commitment to the Order,” says lodge president, **Donna Colajezzi**. The Taunton attorney died July 8, five days before his 95th birthday. To contribute to his memorial scholarship, send checks payable to “*the Peter B. Gay Lodge #540-OSIA*” to David Gay, at Gay & Gay & Field; 73 Washington Street, Taunton, MA 02780-2429.



Peter B. Gay (1916-2010)

CONNECTICUT

Congratulations to the **Greater New Haven Lodge #37**, which celebrates its centenary anniversary this year. Founded in 1910, it is one of the oldest lodges in the Sons of Italy. Before WW II, it boasted more than 4,000 members and opened its hall to more than half a dozen other lodges for their meetings. “Thousands of Italian Americans in New Haven have participated through the years in our lodge,” says current lodge president **Joseph Santagata**.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- **JOSEPH ANTINORO-POLIZZI** has authored “*Illustrissimo Palladio: Architect of the Veneto and of the World*,” an illustrated study of the world’s most influential architect. He belongs to the **Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270** in Rochester, NY. [Ausonia Press; \$27.95 plus S&H] To order, call 941/355-3021.
- **PATRICK DONADIO**, a business communication coach and professional speaker, has been selected to serve on the National Speakers Association’s Chapter Leadership Council. He is charter president and founder of the **Scoprimento Lodge #2599** in Columbus, OH. *Contact him for speaking engagements at 614-488-9164 or Patrick@Patrick-Donadio.com*
- **DOMINIC R. MASSARO**, NYS Supreme Court justice, was made a Knight of the Grand Cross in the Royal Order of Francis I by Prince Carlo di Barboni, head of the Royal House of Bourbon-Two Sicilies, whose family ruled southern Italy until the Italian reunification in 1861. Justice Massaro, a 50-year member of the Order, belongs to the **Loggia Uguaglianza #83**, New York’s oldest lodge.
- **JOHN SPATUZZA**, an attorney and former OSIA national president (1975-77), has received a Lifetime Achievement Award in the Practice of Law from the Italian American Political Coalition, which screens and endorses candidates that represent its values and interests. He belongs to the **Donna F. Chesrow Lodge #1974** in Chicago.

VIRGINIA

The captain and crew of the “**San Giusto**,” a training ship for cadets at the Italian Naval Academy, became honorary members of the Sons of Italy **Roma Lodge #254** of Virginia Beach when the ship visited the U.S. in August.. The lodge together with the **Grand Lodge of VA** hosted a dinner and a luncheon for the cadets and then visited the ship, moored at the Norfolk Naval Base nearby. In turn, the vessel’s commander presented a plaque to lodge president **John Del Russo** and GL of VA president **Marie Seiberking**, who belongs to the lodge. Among the honored guests were the city’s mayor and local Italian consul.



The Italian Navy Cadets of the San Giusto (photo: Mario Minervini)