



### MASSACHUSETTS

**The Good Race** The Lawrence Sons of Italy Lodge #902 in Haverhill presented a donation of \$4,000 last August to their local Veterans Northeast Outreach Center, which helps veterans with housing and other benefits.

The Lodge raised the funds from a series of races held on July 4<sup>th</sup>. It was the 20<sup>th</sup> running of the Lawrence Sons of Italy races, which, to date, have donated over \$75,000 to community based organizations in the Merrimack Valley.



### ARIZONA

**Benvenuti!** Arizona proudly announces the formation of the new Padre Pio Lodge in Chandler. In the photo, Grand Lodge of Arizona President John Protocollo congratulates the new lodge's president, Laurie DeRespiris following the induction ceremony.



### FLORIDA

**For the Troops** Every month, our troops in the Middle East receive packages from the Joseph B. Franzalia Lodge #2422 in Fort Walton Beach. The program is guided by member Joe Nacchia, who makes the purchases and does the mailing. The packages contain health and beauty aids as well as candy and school supplies the troops can give to local children. Begun in 2007, so far nearly 200 packages have been sent, funded by the lodge's annual golf tournament, Italian festival and Friday night dinners.



As thanks, airmen from the local Eglin Air Force Base recently presented the lodge with an American flag that had flown over the Craig Joint Theater Hospital at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan and a certificate of appreciation.

#### GOT A GOOD STORY?

Have you or your lodge done something remarkable that makes a difference to your community or promotes our heritage? Send details with your lodge's name and number (photo optional) to: ITALIAN AMERICA Magazine, 219 E Street NE, Washington, DC 20002 or E-mail [ddeasantis@osia.org](mailto:ddeasantis@osia.org). Include daytime phone no. Entries not acknowledged and photos not returned unless requested.

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NEW YORK

*Remembering 9/11* The Sons of Italy Foundation made the third installment of \$25,000 to the fund that will create the World Trade Center (WTC) Memorial and Museum in New York City. Through their foundation, the Sons of Italy lodges have pledged to donate \$100,000.



(L.toR.): SIF Executive Director Dr. Philip R. Piccigallo, WTC President Joseph Daniels and OSIA National President Joseph DiTrapani at the site of the projected memorial in New York City Sept. 10.

**CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS**

- The telephone number of speaker **Ernest Caponi**, amateur genealogist, in the New York/New England area, was listed incorrectly in the summer issue. It is **978/534-4735** Email: **caponi21833@hotmail.com**
- The zip code for Paul Nunnenkamp's address in the last issue was incorrect. The full address is: 1808 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043.
- The article *Play Small Win Big - Baseball's Italian American Managers* that appeared in the Summer 2009 *Italian America* magazine did not mention the 2008 Manager of the Year, and manager of the American League Tampa Bay Rays, Joe Maddon, whose family name, Maddoninni was changed. We thank **Joe and Suzanne Lomascolo, John Pasquotto** and others for the information.

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