

*Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA)  
Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF)*

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# *Where is National OSIA located?*

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The OSIA National Headquarters is located at 219 E Street, near Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

It is staffed by professionals with expertise in public affairs, program management, public relations and membership services. The staff works diligently to preserve Italian culture in the United States and to identify solutions to the problems facing Italian Americans today. Brother Anthony J. Baratta from the Grand Lodge of Illinois is currently serving as the National President.

The building is owned by the National Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) which also operates out of these headquarters. Our own Brother Joseph DiTrapani is currently serving as President of the SIF.

# *Who makes up National OSIA?*

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The Order Sons of Italy in America is an organization made up of 19 Grand Lodges and 16 subordinate lodges. Grand Lodges are made up of 500 members or more and subordinate lodges are made up of 499 members and under.



National OSIA also maintains "At Large" membership of over 1,000.

# Who are we nationally?

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*“We are a national organization of men and women who represent the estimated 26 million Americans of Italian heritage, dedicated to promoting our culture, our traditions, our language, the legacy of our ancestors, and our contributions to the U.S. and the world.*

*We are sons and daughters, grandmothers and grandfathers.*

*We are corporate executives and we are union members ... young students and retirees ... teachers and attorneys ... doctors and firefighters ... bakers and Wall Street brokers ... and everything in between.*

*We are philanthropists and we are model global citizens with purpose beyond ourselves. And we are proud and patriotic Americans of Italian heritage. We exemplify the very best of what it is to be Italian American!”*

*Why should I be part of a National Organization?*

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*Whatever you are interested in, if there is  
a National Association for it ... join it!*

# *Why should I be part of a National Organization?*

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If you are wondering what the benefits are of belonging to a National fraternal organization ... there are many. The most important reason is that it is a proven fact that "there is strength in numbers."

If you really care about the preservation of our shared Italian heritage, the few pennies a day it costs to be part of National OSIA ... is little to pay for what will be returned to you twofold.

Each OSIA member is paying only \$20.48 a year to support National OSIA. That is less than a yearly subscription to a major magazine!

It is amazing what we can see when things are put in perspective!

# Why are there so many laws and by-laws?

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Successful organizations need structure.

Our local lodges are part of our Grand Lodges ... and our Grand Lodges are part of our National Lodge. We all answer to one another, follow the same rules and information flows from the top down and from the bottom up.

Without structure ... order cannot be achieved and chaos would prevail ... and the system would break down. The importance can be immeasurable to the success of any organization attempting to function toward specific goals.



*Welcome to National OSIA!*

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*With any membership ... YOU get what*

*YOU put into it.*



# *New Supreme Lodge Membership Program!*

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You can become an elite Golden Lion Member of the Supreme Lodge for \$100.00 per year. You will receive a newly designed Golden Lion member pin and a special Membership card. Other benefits will be announced in the near future. See me after the presentation for additional information.

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# *SIF (Sons of Italy Foundation)*

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The Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF) is the philanthropic arm of the Order Sons of Italy in America® (OSIA), the oldest and largest organization for men and women of Italian heritage in the United States.

The SIF is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

The SIF was founded in 1959 as a private, grant-making institution with the purpose of preserving Italian American culture, encouraging educational excellence among Italian Americans and improving lives in other areas.

To date, the SIF has given nearly \$120 million to these efforts.

# National CSJ

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The National Commission for Social Justice® (CSJ) is the anti-defamation arm of the Order Sons of Italy in America® (OSIA), the biggest and oldest national organization for men and women of Italian descent in the United States.

## **New York OSIA's Direct Association With The National CSJ...**

- 1970 - OSIA establishes its national Anti-Defamation Committee under Judge P. Vincent Landi, president of the Grand Lodge of New York.
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- 1980 - The Grand Lodge of New York's Institute for Liberty and Justice is renamed "the Commission for Social Justice® ."
- 1997- Under CSJ National President John Dabbene, the CSJ launches its Positive Image Campaign to research and publish information about Italian American history, achievements and contributions.

# *Garibaldi Meucci Museum*

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- The National SF owns the Garibaldi Meucci Museum.
- The Grand Lodge of New York operates the GMM and is the largest financial supporter of this entity.
- The Chairperson of the GMM is Luigi Squillante and Chairperson Emeritus Joseph Sciame.



# *Your Giving Options to the SIF*

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**General Donations:** When you make an outright general donation, your contribution can be put to work immediately.

**Memorial/Tribute Gifts:** Honor a loved one's memory with a memorial gift or celebrate a special occasion by making a tribute gift.

**Recurring Giving:** Making recurring (monthly) gifts is an easy way to provide support that ensures stable funding for our programs.

**Planned Giving:** Plan for the future while achieving your philanthropic goals.

**Matching Gifts:** Make your general donation, memorial/tribute gift, or monthly gift go further by taking advantage of your employer's Matching Gift Program.

# Explaining Recurring Gifts

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Making recurring monthly gifts is an easy way to provide support that ensures ongoing reliable funding for our programs. Through a regular monthly commitment of any amount you can support any or all of the SIF's programs/charities, or let the SIF apply your gift where it is needed most.

- Recurring giving is automatic. Once you sign up, your donation is automatically charged to your credit card on the same day each month. You do not need to do anything more. You may continue making monthly donations as long as you wish.
- If the need arises to change the credit card to which your monthly donations are charged, to change your donation amount, or to suspend making a gift altogether, contact the [National Office](#) and your request will be immediately processed.
- Supporters who contribute \$10 or more for 3 consecutive months will become members of the SIF's [Sustaining Patrons Circle](#) and recognized in the Sustaining Patrons Circle Honor Roll in SIF publications.

# Memorial or Tribute Gifts

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Honor a loved one's memory with a memorial gift or celebrate a loved one's special occasion by making a tribute gift.

- **Memorial gifts** may be made in honor of someone who has passed away. If you wish, a gift notification may be sent to a person you designate.
- **Tribute gifts** may be made for any occasion – or no occasion at all! Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, even Christmas, are all perfect opportunities to make a tribute gift to someone who is proud of his or her Italian heritage, is charitable...or simply has it all.
- **Memorial and Tribute gifts** are quick and easy when made [online](#) and the recipient or designee can be notified by e-card (fastest method) or by mail. If you are not comfortable making this gift online you can get a form online.

# What are the National OSA Charities?

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The three main charities that OSA supports are:

1. The Cooley's Anemia Foundation



2. The Alzheimer's Foundation



3. The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism





# *Are those the only charities?*



Not by a long shot ... National OSA has a list of charitable donations too long to mention ... but here is just a snapshot of major donations made to:

- 9/11 Disaster Relief
- American Cancer Society
- American Red Cross
- Hurricane Andrew Relief
- Immigration History Research Center
- John Cabot University
- L'Aquila Earthquake Relief
- National Law Enforcement Memorial
- National September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Museum
- National W W II Memorial
- Rienzi Foundation for Cochlear Implants
- Wounded W arrior Project

# *What does National OSIA do for me?*

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Everyone asks the same question one way or another. It all boils down to ...

*“What does National OSIA do for me??”*

- Why must it do something for you personally?
- What about what it does for the Italian American people ... our people?

If you want to be part of a Italian social club ... there are many of them around and that should satisfy your need for simply socializing.

But, if you care at all about your Italian heritage, you should realize the need for a nationwide organization that can speak on behalf of all Italian Americans!

# *We need Supreme OSIA for varied reasons ...*

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The Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA) is urging its members to support the **Advanced Placement Examination in Italian**, using a strategic plan outlined by Italy's ambassador to the U.S., in his recent letter to Italian American organizations. We are still working vigorously to be sure that the AP Exam in Italian remains available to all students.

As the biggest and oldest national organization for people of Italian heritage, the Sons of Italy strongly **supports celebrating the federal holiday of Columbus Day** because the day commemorates the remarkable achievement of a skilled 15th century Italian sea captain, whose voyages opened permanent communication between Europe and the Americas.

The Sons of Italy commended Sen. Robert Menendez (D- N.J.) and his nine Senate colleagues for introducing legislation that will **require the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) to adopt "Made in America"** uniform standards beginning with the 2014 Olympics, or risk losing its charter to manage the U.S. Olympic program. The legislation mandates that the USOC adheres to the "procurement policy that requires ceremonial uniforms for U.S. Olympians ... [to] meet the standards of the Federal Trade Commission for labeling as Made in the U.S.A."

# *National OSIA is much more ...*

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*National OSIA has been*

- Publically praised by every US President since Woodrow Wilson
  - Received at the White House or Oval Office by numerous US Presidents
  - Had US Presidents, Vice Presidents, Cabinet Secretaries and Speakers of the House of Representatives regularly attend public events such as the NELA Dinner
  - Been received by all Italian Presidents and Prime Ministers since 1972
  - Been regularly reported in all areas of the media on matters of importance to the Italian American community
  - Been publically acclaimed for its patriotism by US Military leaders and elected officials
  - Testified at US Congressional Hearings on such subjects at the “secret” WWII Internment of Italian Americans by the US government; the importance of Italy maintaining its influential voice in the Security Council of the United Nations; and on the importance of supporting the study of the Italian Language in US Schools
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# How do I log in as a member on osia.org?



While many of us may not be computer savvy ... it isn't too difficult to log on to the National OSIA website which is [www.osia.org](http://www.osia.org).

This website is not only extremely pleasing to the eye ... but it is chock full of information about the Order Sons of Italy in America and other important issues. We encourage you to log in as a member in the following fashion:

- Go to: <https://www.osia.org/secure/become-a-member.php>
- Under membership type – click the button for “new”
- Create a username and password
- Enter member information as requested
- Under “Billing Information” entire **ONLY** the Discount Code: **tempmember1**. Do not fill out anything else in this area.
- Fill out additional profile information if you wish ... and then enter the two security words at the end of the application. That's it!

# *What are the National OSIA Membership Benefits?*

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Benefits and discounts are numerous. Log into [www.osia.org](http://www.osia.org) and go the **Members Only Section** and see what discounts you can receive on:

Travel      Collette Vacations

Cruise the World with Cruises Only

Orlando Vacations

TNT Vacations

Locanda Viani (Tuscan Experience)

Villetta Mimma Vittoria (villa rental in Calabria, Italy)

Super Shuttle (receive up to \$5.00 off)

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Wireless	T-Mobile Advantage (10% discount off service plans) Wireless Center (OSIA) shop for latest phones
Car Rental	Avis Rental Cars, Budget Rental Cars, Hertz
Culinary	Balpast/Kasbahouse (Italian houseware manufacturer) Colavita USA (fine quality Italian products) G. S. Gelato & Desserts
Health & Fitness	Long Term Care Insurance OSIA Life Line Screening Prescription Savings Card
Hotels	Wyndham Hotels Motel 6 Red Roof Inn

# *What are the National OSIA Membership Benefits?*

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Genealogy

Ancestry.com  
My Italian Family

Insurance

MetLife Auto & Home Insurance  
VPI Pet Insurance  
Chubb  
GradGuard Insurance  
Transamerica Life Insurance Company

Language

Tell Me More Italian Language Program

Moving Service

Allied Moving

Office Products

Office Depot Savings Card

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*Proud Member of the Order Sons of Italy in America!*

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*The next time someone asks you why you bother to belong to a National Italian American organization ... you should have all the information you need to tell them why!*



# The End

