



REPORT

SAVOY ORDERS 2018 CAPITOLO GENERALE ROME, ITALY

AND

AMERICAN DELEGATION TOUR ROYAL PALACE OF CASERTA

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Grand Chancellor Johannes Niederhauser Welcomes Savoy Orders Members and Guests to the Investiture and Promotion Ceremonies in the Great Hall Benedict XVI of the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome.



Left to Right on Dais: Grand Chancellor Johannes Niederhauser; HRH Prince Victor Emmanuel, Duke of Savoy, Prince of Naples, Head of the Royal House of Savoy, XVII Grand Master of the Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus, XVII Grand Master of the Order of Merit of Savoy; HRH Prince Emmanuel Philibert of Savoy, Confer Honors.

INSTALLATION AND PROMOTION CEREMONIES

ORDER OF SAINTS MAURICE AND LAZARUS ORDER OF MERIT OF SAVOY

Saturday, September 29, 2018

On Saturday morning at 10:30 am, delegates, knights and dames from all over the world gathered in Rome in the Great Hall Benedict XVI of the Pontifical Lateran University (*Aula Magna Benedetto XVI - Pontificia Università Lateranense*), an extraterritorial venue of the Vatican, for the investiture and promotion ceremonies of the *Order of Merit of Savoy* and for the *Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus*.

The Grand Master of the Savoy Orders, H.R.H. Prince Victor Emmanuel of Savoy presided with H.R.H. Prince Emmanuel Philibert of Savoy, assisted by Cav. di Gr. Cr. Grand Chancellor Johannes Niederhauser and Master of Ceremonies Savoy Orders Delegate for Piedmont Cav. Gr. Cr. Nob. Dott. Carlo Buffa dei Conti di Perrero.

Each honoree received a diploma and insignia from the Grand Master in the presence of His Excellency Most Reverend Cav. Gr. Cr. Bishop Gianfranco Girotti, Regent Emeritus of the Apostolic Penitentiary and His Royal Highness Prince Serge of Yugoslavia, nephew of the Grand Master.

Congratulations to all of the honorees from the American Delegation of Savoy Orders, including: Sinan Kanatsiz, admitted as *Cavaliere*, Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus (OSSML); Theron K. Picketts, admitted as *Cavaliere*, Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus (OSSML); Bruno Serato, admitted as *Cavaliere*, Order of Merit of Savoy (OMS); Cav. Henry V. Campbell III, promoted to *Ufficiale* (OSSML); and Cav. Robert P. Ruffolo, promoted to *Ufficiale* (OSSML); Uff. Daniel J. McClory, promoted to *Commendatore* (OSSML); Dama Dott.ssa Catherine Stevenson, promoted to Dama di Commenda (OSSML), Comm. Prof. Eric J. Ierardi, promoted to *Grand'Ufficiale* (OMS).





*Officer Daniel J. McClory, Promoted to Commander,
Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus*



*Dame Dr. Catherine Stevenson, Promoted to Dame
Commander, Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus*



*Commander Prof. Eric J. Ierardi, Promoted to Grand'Ufficiale,
Order of Merit of Savoy*



*Cav. Robert P. [Name], Promoted to Officer,
Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus*



*Cav. Henry V. Campbell III Promoted to
Officer, Order of Saints Maurice and
Lazarus*



*Sinan Kanatsiz Admitted as Cavaliere,
Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus*



Bruno Serato, Admitted as Cavaliere, Order of Merit of Savoy



*Theron K. Picketts, Admitted as Cavaliere,
Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus*

Reception and Gala Charity Dinner *Palazzo Colonna*

Saturday, September 29, 2018

In the evening, over 300 guests in formal attire attended a sparkling reception and gala charity benefit dinner in the magnificent *Palazzo Colonna*, one of the oldest and largest private palaces of Rome. Its construction began in the fourteenth century by the Colonna family, who have resided there for eight centuries. The Colonna family dates back to the twelfth century and comes from the town of Colonna, near Rome, from which it takes its name. The palatial Galleria Colonna, 76 meters in length, is an authentic jewel of the Roman Baroque. With apartments of major artistic value, the Palace houses the art collections of the family, including masterpieces by leading Italian and foreign artists between the XV and XVI centuries. Among the artists are Pinturicchio, Cosmè Tura, Carracci, Guido Reni, Tintoretto, Salvator Rosa, Bronzino, Guercino, Veronese, Vanvitelli and many others.

The Grand Master, his son and Grand Chancellor welcomed the attendees and thanked all members for their commitment to the centuries old traditions of charity and humanitarian works.



Highlights of the Gala Charity Dinner





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SOLEMN MASS AND PROCESSION

Sunday, October 30, 2018

On Sunday morning, September 30, the American Delegation, with other Savoy Orders members, participated in the Annual Procession and Solemn Mass, which was celebrated in the magnificent Papal Archbasilica of the Most Holy Saviour of St. John Lateran (San Giovanni in Laterano). The Grand Prior of the Dynastic Orders of the Royal House of Savoy, the Right Reverend Monsignor Paolo De Nicolò, officiated at the solemn Eucharistic celebration in the presence of their Royal Highnesses Princes Victor Emmanuel and Emmanuel Philibert, Princesses Marina and Clotilde of Savoy, Princess Maria Pia of Savoy with her family: Their Royal Highnesses Princesses Eleanor and Hélène of Yugoslavia and Prince Serge of Yugoslavia. Cav. Gr. Cr. Dr. Johannes Niederhauser, the Grand Chancellor also was present. After the Holy Mass, a charity reception was held at the nearby Pontifical Lateran University which was also attended by the Royal Family.



Members of the American and Canadian Delegation of Savoy Orders pose for a photo after the Solemn High Mass at the Papal Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior of Saint John Lateran on Sunday, September 30, 2018.

American Delegation Events During the Capotolo Weekend 2018

Friday Evening Welcome Dinner at the Royal Sports Club Tevere Remo



The Spectacular Garden Vista of the Royal Place of Caserta Complex



Prior to the official ceremonies of the Capotolo weekend of events, beginning on Saturday morning, the American Delegation organized a welcome dinner on Friday evening for knights and dames, new honorees being admitted to the Savoy Orders and their guests at the *Reale Circolo Canottieri Tevere Remo* (Royal Sports Club Tevere Remo).

On the morning of Monday, October 1, the Delegate, Cav. Gr. Cr. Avv. Carl J. Morelli, led the cavalieri and dame from California, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas, joined by friends and family members for a full day tour of the monumental complex of the Royal Palace of Caserta (Reggia di Caserta) outside of Naples. A former royal residence constructed for the Bourbon kings of Naples, it is the largest royal residence in the world, in terms of volume and illusions of multidirectional space. Exceptional for the way in which it brings together a magnificent palace with its park and gardens, as well as natural woodland, hunting lodges and a silk factory, Caserta is an eloquent expression of the Enlightenment in material form, integrated into, rather than imposed on, its natural setting.

The contingent consisted of: Delegate Cav. Gr. Cr. Avv. Carl J. Morelli, Gr. Uff. Prof. Eric Ierardi, Uff. Henry V. Campbell III and guest Deborah B. Prost, Comm. Daniel McClory, Dama Dorothy Flynn, Dama di Comm. Dott.ssa Catherine Stevenson, Uff. Avv. Robert M. Clark, Dama Nancy Indelicato, Cav. Sinan and Mrs. Kai Kanatsiz with family and friends and Dama Sheila and Cav. Thomas R. Leslie IV.

For luncheon, the tour group dined at the Michelin rated *Marziale Le Colonne* Restaurant, which showcases some of the very best southern Italian dishes. Full of history, renovated over the years but with great attention to preserve the taste and atmosphere of past ages, this dining establishment provided members of the tour an elegant space, enlivened with dedicated service and the offering of an innovative menu of Campanian classic dishes by star celebrity chef Rosanna Marziale.



American Delegation Tour Group Enjoys Luncheon at Le Colonne Restaurant