



AMERICAN DELEGATION NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2009

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chapter General (Capitolo Generale) 2009

The **Grand Chancellor Cav. Gr. Cr. Johannes Niederhauser** announced on behalf of **H.R.H. Prince Victor Emmanuel of Savoy**, Grand Master of the Savoy Orders, that there will be a Chapter General in Switzerland, of the Knights and Dames of the Dynastic Orders of the House of Savoy on the 18th and 19th of April, 2009 in Geneva and Saint Maurice d'Againe. Please let the Delegation office know if you plan to attend. The headquarters hotel will be the Intercontinental in Geneva. Special rates are available for members of the Savoy Orders and guests. Details will follow.

Solemn Mass in Hautecombe Abbey on March 14, 2009 In Memory of Their Late Majesties King Umberto II and Queen Maria José

On March 14, 2009, the Chancellery of the Dynastic Orders of the Royal House of Savoy has organized a Solemn Mass in Hautecombe Abbey, in the Savoy Region of France, in memory of **Their Late Majesties King Umberto II and Queen Maria José**, in the presence of **Their Royal Highnesses Prince Victor Emmanuel and Princess Marina of Savoy**, commemorating the XXVth anniversary of the death of King Umberto II.

Congratulations to Their Royal Highnesses Princess Marina of Savoy and Prince Victor Emmanuel of Savoy

On February 12, 2009 Their Royal Highnesses Prince Victor Emmanuel of Savoy and Princess Marina of Savoy celebrated their birthdays.

NATIONAL NEWS

American Foundation of Savoy Orders

Ballo di Savoia 2008 Weekend of Events and Festivities

Welcome Reception

The *Ballo di Savoia* Weekend of Events and Festivities began at a special cocktail reception at The University Club. For more pictures of the Welcome Reception, please visit: <http://www.savoyfoundation-usa.org/events.asp>



(L to R) Dama di Gr. Cr. Baronessa Mariuccia Zerilli-Marimò, HHH Prince Ermias Selassie and *guest*



(L to R) Mr. Jeffery Ryan, Dama di Comm. Cristina Grassi, Gran'Uff. L'On. Dominic Massaro and Cav. Gr. Cr. Avv. Carl Morelli

Ballo di Savoia 2008

Held at the Colony Club, the *Ballo di Savoia* was attended by over 215 members and guests. For more photos of the *Ballo di Savoia*, please visit: <http://www.savoyfoundation-usa.org/events>



Co-Chair Uff. William Warren (right) and Mrs. Arete Warren (center rear) with Ballo guests at their table.



(L to R) Uff. Dott. Brandon Fradd, Ballo Patron, with his guest Mrs. Vicki Downey and Comm. Marco Grassi

2008 Ballo Weekend Photographs Now Available

Prints of photographs of all events of December 12-14, 2008, are available for purchase directly from the photographer, George Lekovic, through this link -

<http://www.kinokamera.smugmug.com>.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Savoy Foundation.

The American Foundation of Savoy Orders is grateful to **Kenneth J. Lane, Rina Milano** and **Esmeralda Spinola Pedroni** for the raffle gifts, and to all those who subscribed to the *Ballo* Journal.

Savoy Foundation Board Meeting – January 23, 2009

Planning is underway for a Spring event that will be less formal and less costly than in recent years. At the suggestion of Dama Chrysanna Woroch, a “Friends of the Savoy Foundation” group will be established to help raise additional funds for the foundation’s programs and grants.

Year End 2008 Grants were ratified to the following recipients:

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston for Victims of Hurricane Ike
 Doctors Without Borders for Myanmar Relief
 Pax Christi Hospice, New York City
 Saint Vincent’s Hospital Medical Center
 The Catholic Health Care Foundation
 Boys’ Town of Italy, Inc.
 Italian Hospital Society of New York

Work is underway to establish a Savoy Fellowship in **International** Studies at New York University.

The Foundation's website is now up and running and there is a Gift Shop page offering Savoy related items. See attached form or view attached link: http://www.savoyfoundation-usa.org/downloads/savoy_orderform.pdf



(L to R) Comm. Joseph Sciamè, Cav. Gr. Cr. Avv. Carl Morelli, Comm. Marco Grassi and Dama Joan Rosasco participating in the Savoy Foundation Board Meeting on January 23, 2009

American Delegation of Savoy Orders

Investiture, Mass and Presentation of Insignia and Diplomas at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick

By special permission, an Investiture and Promotion Ceremony was held Mass for Knights and Dames on Saturday, December 13, 2008, in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. The Delegate and Vice Delegate presented diplomas, insignia and honors of the Savoy Orders preceding a Solemn Mass celebrated by **Comm. The Very Reverend John P. McGuire OP, Uff. Reverend Monsignor Robert T. Ritchie**, Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, **Cav. Rev. Richard Seagraves**, **Rev. Richard Mullins**, Delegate for North America of the Portuguese Royal Brotherhood of St. Michael of the Wing, **Rev. Monsignor P. Vincent McNamara** and **Rev. Patrick Burns**. For more photos of the Investiture and Mass, please view:

<http://www.savoydelegation-usa.org/events.asp>



Members of the American Delegation of Savoy Orders after the Investiture Ceremony and Mass, in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, December 13, 2008

Procession and Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick

Members of the Savoy Orders participated in a Procession and attended Solemn Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday morning, December 14th. Members of the Savoy Orders and their guests were seated in an especially reserved section in the front pews of the Cathedral. **Uff. Reverend Monsignor Robert T. Ritchie**, Rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, very graciously recognized and welcomed the members of the Savoy Orders from the altar. For more photos, please view the following link: <http://www.savoydelegation-usa.org/events.asp>



*Members of the American Delegation of Savoy Orders in Procession
at the Solemn Mass in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick on December 14, 2008*

St. Lazarus Day Commemorative Mass and Dinner – March 30, 2009



Le Château de Ripaille in France



La Ripaille Restaurant in New York City

On March 30, members, friends and guests of the Savoy Orders are invited to the fourth annual St. Lazarus Day Commemorative Mass at the University Church of St. Joseph, 371

Avenue of the Americas, New York City. The Mass will be celebrated by Delegation Chaplain **Comm. Very Rev. John P. McGuire**. The Mass will be followed by a \$60 prix fixe dinner at La Ripaille Restaurant, 605 Hudson Street at Abingdon Square, New York, NY 10014. This restaurant was chosen for its wonderful atmosphere and fine French bistro cuisine and because its name is the same as a famous old Savoy Castle south of Lake Geneva that was built by the Savoy Count Amadeus VI and his wife Bonne de Bourbon to this Newsletter.

Please reserve early as seating at the restaurant is limited to the first 40 who contact the Delegation office. The reservation reply form is attached and can be viewed at this link: http://www.savoyfoundation-usa.org/downloads/st_lazarus_diner.pdf

NATIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

Semi-Annual National Council Meeting - December 13, 2008

The National Council of the American Delegation of Savoy Orders held its semi-annual lunch and meeting in New York City on December 13, 2008, at 12:30 p.m. at The University Club, Fifth Avenue at 54th Street.



Members of the National Council, December 13, 2008 at the University Club

National Council Meeting - May 13, 2009

The next semi-annual meeting of the National Council of the American Delegation of Savoy Orders will be Monday, May 13, 2009, at 3:00 PM at the offices of Morelli & Gold **LLP**, The Chanin Building, 380 Lexington Avenue, Suite 4400, New York City.

Sponsorship of Candidates for the Savoy Orders in 2009

Members continue to be encouraged to nominate new candidates for the Orders through their Regional Representatives. If you would like to sponsor a candidate to be considered for admission to the Savoy Orders in 2009, follow these procedures: Review the Delegation nomination instructions and three page nomination form found on the Members Page (General Information) of the Delegation web site www.savoia.org. The instructions and forms can be printed directly from the web site. If you do not have access to a computer, or need help

opening the password protected Members Page, please call or email the Delegation office at (212) 972-1100, ext. 245 or delegate@savoia.org.

In Memoriam

Sylvia Niederhauser Ricolfi Doria, beloved sister of **Her Royal Highness Princess Marina of Savoy** and wife of the Grand Chancellor of the Savoy Orders, **Cav. di Gran Croce Johannes Niederhauser**, who passed away on December 25, 2008.

The beloved father of our esteemed member, **Cav. Luke Ives Pontifell** who passed away on January 22, 2009.

The beloved mother of our esteemed member **Dama Avv. Annie Borello Fiorilla** and mother-in-law of our esteemed member **Uff. Avv. John Leopoldo Fiorilla**, who passed away on January 30, 2009 in Turin.

Special Recognition

To Comm. Richard Cosnotti for his many years of service and devotion to the American Foundation of Savoy Orders, upon his retirement as a member of the Board and Treasurer of the Foundation

To Uff. Dott. Brandon Fradd who replaces him as Treasurer of the Savoy Foundation.

To Comm. Joseph Sciame on his re-election as the President/Chair for the years 2009-2011 of the Board of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee-NY, Inc.

To Cav. Joseph Giminaro, on becoming Special Counsel to Stroock & Stroock & Lavan.

To Uff. Dott. Stephen Billick on becoming Vice-Chancellor of the Priory in the United States of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

To Comm. Prof. Eric J. Ierardi, Delegate of the Gruppo Savoia for the United States of America, who was nominated Delegate of the *Guardie d'Onore del Pantheon* for the United States.

To Co-Chairs of the *Ballo di Savoia*, Dama Gaetana Enders, Dama di Comm. Cristina Grassi and Uff. William Warren for making the *Ballo* a great success.

To Comm. Marco Grassi, Uff. Peter Wirth, Dama Larissa Van Duser and Dama di Comm. Mira Zivkovich for their work on the *Ballo di Savoia* Dinner Journal and those who subscribed to the Journal.

To Uff. Dott. Brandon Fradd for taking two tables at the *Ballo di Savoia*.

To **Comm. Richard Torrenzano** and **Comm. Joseph Sciame** for coordinating the Masses and National Council Meeting in December.

Delegation Represented at Special Events

On **December 1, 2008**, the Delegate attended a reception and concert for **His Eminence Cardinal Renato Martino** at St. Malachy's Church in New York City for the Saint Matthew Foundation in memory of François-Xavier Cardinal Nguyễn Văn Thuận.

On **January 8, 2009**, the Delegate met with our confrere **Uff. Dott. Francesco Poretti** and his wife of the Milan Delegation of the Savoy Orders, at a lunch hosted by his son, **Avv. Alfredo Poretti** at the Harvard Club.

On **January 14, 2009**, the Delegate attended a dinner hosted by **Dama Dott.ssa Chrysanna Woroch** at the University Club. Also attending were Dama di **Comm. Mira Zivkovich**, Dama **Larissa Van Duser** and **Uff. Dott. Stephen Hoffmeister**.

On **January 19, 2009**, the Delegate and **Comm. Marco Grassi** attended a lunch hosted by **Uff. Avv. John Fiorilla** at The University Club, for our confrere **Comm. Filippo Bruno di Tornaforte e Clavesana**, spokesperson for **HRH Prince Emmanuel Philibert of Savoy**.

On **February 17, 2009**, the Delegate attended a concert at the Weil Recital Hall and Reception for the Italian Academy Foundation, Inc. of which **Uff. Stefano Acunto** serves as Chairman.

Volunteers Needed

Both the Delegation and the Foundation need volunteers to work on a broad range of projects from committee work, clerical assistance and events planning, to working on the web sites (writing stories, captioning photos, making translations of Italian articles and news items, etc.) If you would like to help, please contact the Delegation office at 212-972-1100, or email delegate@savoia.org.



Comm. Joseph Sciamè (center) with Delegation members and guests at last year's 2008 Festa Della Primavera dinner.

FUTURE EVENTS - CHARITABLE

Festa della Primavera 2009

Please join the The American Foundation of Savoy Orders for the **Annual Spring Dinner *Festa della Primavera*** on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at the University Club. A sumptuous seafood lobster buffet or steak dinner (if preferred) will be offered. An announcement will be mailed. Please confirm your reservations with the Savoy office at 212-972-1100, ext. 245. Information and a Reservation Form are attached for your convenience. Also, please view link at: http://www.savoyfoundation-usa.org/downloads/festa_della_primavera_2009.pdf

**Please save the date for the Annual Spring Dinner--*Festa della Primavera*--
Buffet Dinner
The University Club
One West 54th Street on Fifth Avenue
New York City
Wednesday, May 13, 2009**

FUTURE EVENTS - EDUCATION

The **2009 Savoy History Lecture** will be a joint event with the St. George's Society of New York. The topic will be the Savoy family's high level presence in England in the 13th and 14th centuries.

FUTURE EVENTS - DELEGATION

On **Friday, March 20, at 2:00 PM**, **Comm. Joseph Sciamè** will be the featured speaker at the *Samuel Dorsky Symposium on Public Monuments* presented by *The Monuments Conservancy*, which will pay tribute to our past departed confrere, **Uff. Marcel Jovine**, (1921-2003), a distinguished American artist of Italian birth, who fought in the Italian army during the WWII. (Please view the *In Memoriam* page of the Delegation website for more information on Uff. Jovine). An announcement will be emailed to you shortly. Comm. Sciamè's topic will be ***The Dynastic Orders of the Royal House of Savoy: Two Illustrious Orders of Knighthood and Merit and Their Function in the Modern World***. Members and friends of the Savoy Orders are invited to attend the symposium. For more information, please view these links:
http://www.savoyfoundation-usa.org/remembering_marcel_jovine_part1.pdf
http://www.savoyfoundation-usa.org/remembering_marcel_jovine_part2.pdf

Location: Time & Life Building, Rockefeller Center, 1271 Avenue of the Americas
(at 50th Street), Henry Luce Room, 2nd Floor