



AMERICAN DELEGATION OF SAVOY ORDERS

Summer Steak Cookout at White's Point, Waterford, Connecticut

July 31, 2010

Co-Hosted by Uff. George C. White & Uff. Avv. Roy De Barbieri

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Panoramic View of the Waterfront Home of Uff. George & Betsy White, White's Point, Waterford, Connecticut

Members and guests of the American Delegation enjoyed a traditional, turn of the century, bona fide summer steak cookout at the historic beachside family home of Betsy and Uff. George White, overlooking Long Island Sound in Waterford, Connecticut on July 31, a sunny summery Saturday. Uff. Avv. Roy De Barbieri graciously co-hosted the event with his wife Patricia. Some guests came by train, some by car and some by ferry from Orient Point, Long Island. Those that came by train were met and transported by Uff. Avv. Roy De Barbieri and Cav. Rev. John Rick III to the White's home.





Visiting the Whites was like a little excursion into the past. The classic stone house, built in 1913 by his grandfather, the renowned American impressionist painter, Henry Cooke White, known for his paintings of the Connecticut landscape and shoreline, provided the backdrop for a quintessentially American experience. A five-piece Dixieland style band also added to the evocative atmosphere, transporting the guests in time to the Edwardian age when this area of Connecticut provided the imagery and timeless landscape of an idealized “old” America and attracted the largest, best-known Impressionist art colony in the nation. The aesthetic style furnishings and paintings of the period in the Whites’ home accentuated the “somewhere in time” experience.





If that were not enough, Mother Nature enhanced the “plein air” dining with perfect summer weather - sunny, crystal clear skies with unobstructed panoramic vistas of the calm grey-blue waters of Long Island Sound. The sumptuous seafood hors d’oeuvres, the plentiful summertime cocktails, deliciously cooked filet mignon and other culinary delights under a cheerful yellow and white striped tent added to the “bon amie” spirit of the day. At about 6:00 p.m. as dusk was approaching, Uff. Avv. Roy De Barbieri had arranged for a cake decorated with the Savoy Royal flag, which the Delegate partitioned with Uff. George White’s vintage military officer’s sword, for the guests’ enjoyment.



After dessert, George White introduced a Russian guest guitarist, Elena Soboleva, to perform for the guests, as sunset softly bathed the environs.





The summer social gathering was attended by more than 30 members and guests who were: Dama Carole Acunto, Uff. Stefano Acunto, Cav. Dott. Igor and Dr. Olga Belostotsky-Alexandrov, Mrs. Grace Borletti, Uff. Avv. Roy and Patricia De Barbieri, Ted De Barbieri, Ms. Ksenia Denisova, Cav. and Mrs. Gerald Farrell and family, Mr. Alberto Flores, Mr. Vladimir Funtusov, Mrs. Dena Hunter, Cav. Gr. Cr. Dott. Robert La Rocca, Mr. Raymond Lavoie, Gr. Uff. L'On. Dominic & Mrs. Francis Massaro, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McMurray, Cav. Gr. Cr. Avv. Carl Morelli, Cav. Rev. John Rick III, Mr. Jeffrey Ryan, Uff. Richard Salerni, Comm. Joseph Sciame, Ms. Kate Seely-Kirk, Dama Larissa Van Duser, Mr. Robert Villanova, Mr. Richard Waite, Uff. George and Betsy White and Dama di Comm. Mira Zivkovich.





The American Delegation is grateful for the generosity and organization of the event to Betsy and George White and to Roy and Patricia De Barbieri. All those who attended relished the opportunity to gather outside, savor the meat on the grill (and representatives from the vegetable family), and eat under the sky as dusk descended. We hope that this will become an annual summer tradition for the American Delegation.





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