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Letter from our President

Ciao to my Brothers and Sisters ...

I hope you had a good summer. Hard to believe, but we're now on to the next season...Fall! The changing of the colors of leaves, milder weather and of course, Halloween and turkey time!

Be that as it may, the Grand Lodge of Maryland has had a busy summer. It began with our Bull & Oyster Roast in March which was very successful; August we held our annual scholarship recipient's day of honor at Ripken Stadium and our Crab Feast which was also extremely successful; our annual Memorial Mass held on September 10 honoring our deceased members of the past two years, followed by a luncheon at Chiapparelli's in Little Italy.

A few local Lodges celebrated their 50th Anniversaries: Towson Dulaney, Montgomery County and Little Italy (in October). Congrats to ALL of them and their membership!

Come October 15th, we will return to our "**COLUMBUS GALA**" in a slightly different way. The Grand Lodge has decided to honor someone deserving, who has done much for the OSIA. That person is **Don Castronova** (please see the flyer inside this newsletter). I sincerely hope that you think about attending this celebration of Don, a well-deserved recognition and if for no other reason than to thank Don for his fifty+ years of service to the OSIA and his service to all other Italian organizations within Maryland as well.

We completed our OSIA Biennial Convention in June in Ocean City, MD. It was a good turn-out of lodge presidents and delegates. Thanks to the Ocean City Lodge and President Mollicone for all of their help (please see photos inside this newsletter). One change was a motion made to change the Grand Lodge *from OSIA to OSDIA* to include "Daughters." The motion was carried.

You can see the change of officers inside this newsletter. Mike Castino is our new 1st Vice President, Albert Marra is our new Recording Secretary; Kevin Lasko from the Little Italy Lodge is our brand new National Delegate and attended his first National Convention held in August in Tampa, Florida. I think he saw and experienced that we take things seriously at convention!

I hope this gives you some insight as to what's been happening the past few months. As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office (410-668-6742) or me (410-781-0206).

Never forget September 11th, Celebrate Columbus Day on October 12 and have a fun Halloween!

In the meantime, I sincerely THANK YOU for all you do for the OSDIA! **If you're not a member...you should be!** Being a member shows your support! Pat yourselves on the back. Without you and your support, the OSDIA could not accomplish all the many good and charitable things that OSDIA does!

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Urgent Notice!! Call to Action, Now!!

COLUMBUS DAY AT RISK IN THE U.S. SENATE!

Call Your Senator *TODAY* and tell him or her to

KEEP Columbus Day!!!

*(Note: Italian Americans in Pennsylvania are URGED by PRIMO
NOT to Reelect Senator Bob Casey (D))*

*We have just been advised about a bill that was introduced in
the Senate to **eliminate the Columbus Day federal holiday**
and instead have that be a federal holiday for Indigenous
People. This requires immediate action from everyone!
Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) has endorsed this new bill.*

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Congrats!

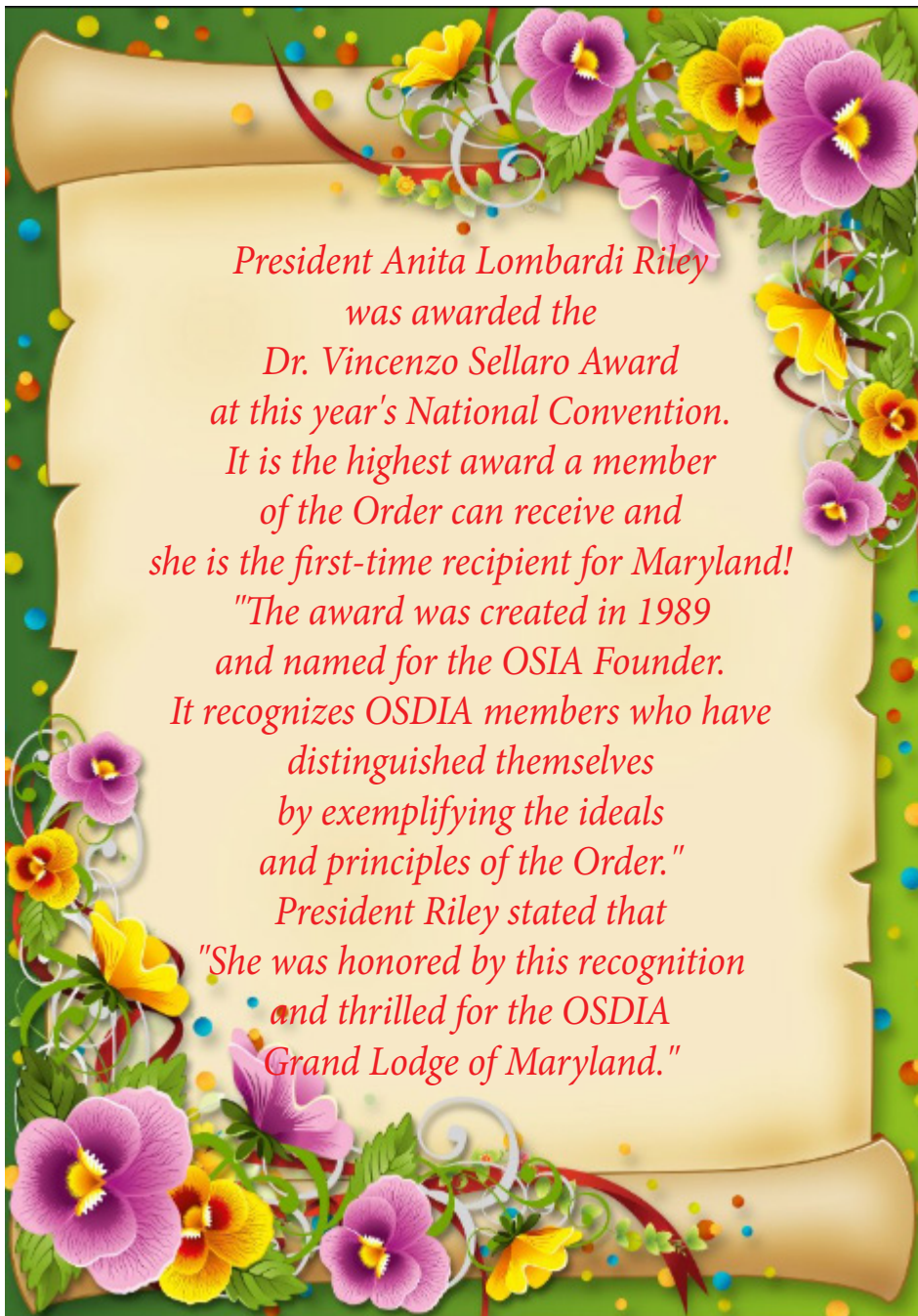
SUPER RAFFLE WINNERS!

JUNE 2023

1. DONNA WALLACE
2. RICH BAIETTI
3. DAVID MATTHEWS
4. COLIN RILEY
5. MARY EMBREY
6. MARY MAIONE
7. AL BREEDING
8. HENRY CRUSSE
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10. MAUREEN ESCHBACHER
11. FRANK RAGONE
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20. OCEAN CITY LODGE
21. KATIE RADIGAN
22. MICK RILEY
23. STEPHEN TEDESCHI
24. FRANK RAGONE
25. TRISH WOODS
26. TINA GUGLIOTTA
27. LORENZO & EMILIO NUNZIATI
28. GENE BARBATO
29. JOANNE MCNICHOL
30. BESSIE LOBATO

AUGUST continued

7. JOHN BROWN
8. LISA BALMAGES
9. MIKE TRANSPARENTI
10. CATENA SPIRITOSANTO
11. R. PANICCIA
12. DYLAN WOODS
13. CHRIS MONTCALMO
14. CATHY RUSSO
15. JANET PANTALEO
16. NOAH ROEDER
17. CAROL DEGIROLAMO
18. MAE HOFFMAN
19. IMEDLA LIBERATORE
20. MARY FILLING
21. MICK BUSH
22. CURTIS & ROBBIE FLOOD
23. MARY JO NADEAU
24. KATHERINE COX
25. MARY MAIONE
26. JANET PANTALEO
27. ALI SLIWKA
28. MARY ALBERTA
29. BOB GESSINGER
30. STEPHANIE RILEY
31. LEO ROMEO



*President Anita Lombardi Riley
was awarded the
Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro Award
at this year's National Convention.
It is the highest award a member
of the Order can receive and
she is the first-time recipient for Maryland!
"The award was created in 1989
and named for the OSIA Founder.
It recognizes OSDIA members who have
distinguished themselves
by exemplifying the ideals
and principles of the Order."
President Riley stated that
"She was honored by this recognition
and thrilled for the OSDIA
Grand Lodge of Maryland."*

JULY 2023

1. JACOB BALMAGES
2. KAITLYN MILLER
3. LUKE & KAITLYN ROEDER
4. MARY CASTORINA
5. DESIREE MORAZZANO
6. LYNN BUSH
7. ALAN FERRARO
8. DAVE TAYLOR
9. SUSAN CELLITTO
10. SUSANNA WITTSTADT
11. ARLENE NUNZIATI
12. LYNN MURPHY
13. DYLAN WOODS
14. ANDREW MARRA
15. LILLIAN LAIRD
16. KATIE RATEGAN
17. MARYANNE SPIRIDIGLIOZZI
18. FRANK BATTAGLICIO
19. ANGIE KUREK
20. VINCE PISCOPO
21. NOAH ROEDER
22. FRANCESCA PETRAGNANI
23. ANGIE KUREK
24. LORETTA LOMBARDI
25. KATHY IMPALLORENI
26. ALAN FERRARO
27. MICHAEL BROWN
28. CJ DIETRICH
29. DAN ZACCAGNINI
30. MICK RILEY
31. VERNA DIETRICH

AUGUST 2023

1. TOM IACOBONI
2. JOSEPH WYBIERALA
3. VERONICA BRILVITCH
4. DONNA POTENZA
5. LARRY LUSK
6. VICKI LEONARD

Congrats!

SUPER RAFFLE WINNERS!

SEPTEMBER 2023 OCTOBER 2023 NOVEMBER 2023

1. MICHAEL BROWN
2. TOM IACOBONI
3. DOMINIC FORNARO LODGE
4. T. & B. MONTCALMO
5. CANDY DICAMILLO
6. MAUREEN ESCHBACKER
7. TRISH WOODS
8. NANCY SHACKELFORD
9. CAROL CONN
10. CAROL CURRAN
11. ROBERT WITTSTADT
12. CAROL CONN
13. MARK DENUNZIO
14. ELIZABETH VEVINS
15. JANET PANTALEO
16. NEIL LYLES
17. MICHAEL TULLOCH
18. JOHN BROWN
19. IMELDA LIBERATORE
20. RICHARD FINGER
21. GLORIA SADOWSKI
22. JOE PORTERA
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24. ROXANNE SWARTY
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26. BUDDY CEFALU
27. NEIL LYLES
28. TOM IACOBONI
29. ANTONIO GATTO LODGE
30. AMICE E FRATELLI LODGE
31. MICK BUSH

Buon Festa del Ringraziamento! (Happy Feast of Thanksgiving)

Does Italy Celebrate Thanksgiving?

Not exactly. Italy does not have a national holiday that celebrates Thanksgiving. However, you will find plenty of Italians toasting the holiday with their expat friends and family at a home or restaurant. Although Italians do love a celebration, you won't be watching the Macy's Day Parade or football games all afternoon. Italians who do celebrate our Thanksgiving may not celebrate it on a Thursday. If they do, it would have to be in the evening. Why? Not being an official holiday for them, Italians have to go to work and the children go to school on our traditional Thanksgiving. Generally, they would celebrate on a Friday or Saturday so that family and friends are able to join them and it tends to be a more relaxing occasion.

Are there Italian Thanksgiving Traditions?

Most American Thanksgiving traditions are not celebrated in Italy, for cultural and logistical reasons. Italian Thanksgiving traditions tend to revolve more around food and special Italian recipes to accompany the roast turkey. The menu for Thanksgiving in Italy isn't identical to the American menu, but it is similar. Before the turkey arrives and side dishes even land on the table, an entire Italian feast is served (family style) – pasta (mostly lasagna), pumpkin risotto, antipasto platter or pumpkin soup, just to name a few. Apple or pumpkin pie would be served for dessert along with many other delights.

An aside: Whole turkeys are not found at the butcher shop in Italy, so if they want a whole turkey for Thanksgiving, it will need to be ordered 2 to 4 weeks in advance. Invited guests may be told not to bring anything, but if you don't want to show up empty-handed, you might consider arriving with: wine, flowers, chocolates/candy, a tea towel or candle. And, while Black Friday in Italy is becoming a big sales day for brick and mortar and online stores, it's nothing like the crazy shopping day in the U.S. Discounts are much less compared to the U.S. so that no fights break out over TV's or toys!



**Order Sons & Daughter of Italy in America
OSDIA Grand Lodge of Maryland**



**Christmas
PARTY**

Sunday, December 10, 2023

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To make you smile!

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen are defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians are delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

OUR FAVORITE ITALIAN CHEF DIED RECENTLY. HE PASTA WAY. HERE TODAY, GONE TOMATO.
YOU NEVER SAUSAGE A TRAGIC THING. HOW SAD THAT HE RAN OUTTA THYME.
HIS WIFE IS REALLY UPSET...CHEESE STILL NOT OVER IT.
SENDING OLIVE MY PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY. WE CANNOLI DO SO MUCH.
HIS LEGACY WILL BECOME A PIZZA HISTORY...

Me: I'm opening a kissing booth where you can have one last kiss with someone you used to date.

Friend: Don't do this

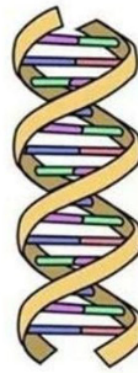
Me: I'm calling it

Friend: Stop

Me: Great Ex Peck Stations

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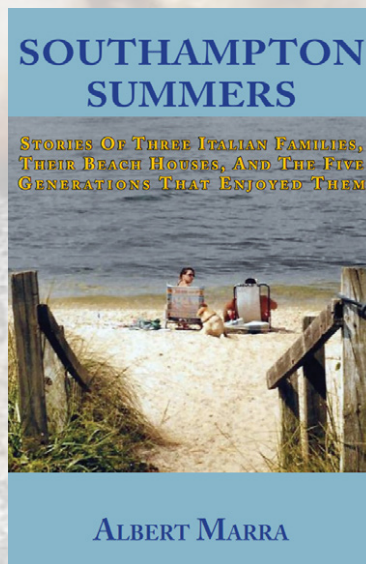
SOUTHAMPTON SUMMERS

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By Albert Marra

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"The family stories also transported me to other times and other places. Several memories, feelings, and emotions about my childhood re-emerged. Dr. Marra has the skill and gift of telling stories in a way that we can all relate to regardless of where we are from."

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**TOWSON DULANEY LODGE # 2292 IS 50 YEARS OLD!
MAY 24th 1973 – MAY 24th 2023**



Gala was held at Liberatore's Ristorante on May 24th 2023





November to me is not only the month for celebrating Thanksgiving, but I think it's also the month to honor ALL our Veterans all month long (November 11 Veterans Day) who served, gave their lives and limbs so that we could enjoy the freedom we celebrate every day. God Bless ALL of them!

After receiving a calendar in the mail (one of about 50 I received) I especially took note of the one titled "Women Airforce Service Pilots". Of course, I had heard of the WASP's before, but never really gave much thought about it. So, after looking the calendar over, I then thought it would be nice to focus on the women who served and we don't hear too much about.

I'm sure there are some reading this that either served in some way during the war effort OR knows of someone who did – the "Rosie Riverters" with bandanas to boot! To all of those women ---THANK YOU!

The National WASP WWII Museum is dedicated to honoring the life and legacy of the Women Airforce Service Pilots. (waspmuseum.org)

In 1942, as the country reeled from the attack on Pearl Harbor, trained male pilots were in short supply. Qualified pilots were needed to fight the war. The Army was desperate for pilots to deliver newly built trainer aircraft to flight schools in the South. Twenty-eight civilian women pilots volunteered to ferry those airplanes. They formed the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS) in late summer of 1942 as the country's first female squadron.

Between November 1942 and December 1944, 1,074 more women were trained to fly military aircraft – first in Houston Texas and then moving to Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas. The WAFS, founded by Nancy Love, were combined with Jacqueline Cochran's Women's Flying Training Detachment (WFTD) to become the WASP (Women's Airforce Service Pilots)!

The WASP flew every aircraft in the Army's arsenal. In addition to ferrying, they towed gunnery targets, transported equipment and non-flying personnel, and flight-tested recently repaired aircraft before they were put back into service. For over two years, the WASP performed a wide variety of aviation-related jobs while serving at more than 120 bases around the United States.

General "Hap" Arnold, commanding general of the Army Air Forces, championed the WASP. Revered by Congress, Arnold's request to designate the WASP as members of the U.S. military was denied in June 1944. The WASP were granted military status in 1977, thanks to a law signed by President Carter. The 1,102 Women Airforce Service Pilots flew wingtip to wingtip with their male counterparts and were just as vital to the war effort.

Research by Sarah Byrn Rickman

Membership Administrator NEEDED

The Grand Lodge of Maryland will be implementing a new Membership Management computer system. We are seeking an individual with a working knowledge of computers, database systems, and multiple Social Media applications.

The qualified individual must have experience with the following:

- ***Data Entry***
- ***Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite***
- ***Detailed knowledge of multiple Social Media platforms***
- ***Knowledge of the structure and operation of the membership of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America and its goals***
- ***Ability to train local lodge members in the administration and operation of the new Membership System and assist in its maintenance***

This is a part-time position and is open to all who are qualified.

Please submit your resume/CV via email by October 1, 2023 to GrandLodgeMD@gmail.com

All applicants will be personally interviewed by a Selection Committee either in person or by Zoom.

Students from All Over Italy Working in Ocean City

Take a good look at these smiling faces and if you see one during your visit to Ocean City the thing to say is Buongiorno. These are Italian students from all over Italy on their annual journey to our vacation city to work for the Summer at almost a dozen establishments. They are pictured here before sitting down to a welcome dinner hosted by the Ocean City chapter of the Sons and Daughters of Italy (SDOI).

As tasty as we know Italian foods are, there was none of that for these young men and women. Instead, they were treated to a typical American Summer BBQ of pulled pork and chicken and the usual sides, something they never see in Italy. The students come from throughout Italy, from big cities such as Bologna and Milano, and small towns like Caserta and Suave. They are working at the Original Green Turtle, Fagers Island, Telescope Pictures, De Lazy Lizard, and more locations.

Ocean City's SDOI Chapters hosts a welcome dinner for the students, who have been coming here for years. If you look closely, on the far right, bottom, there's one person who doesn't look young enough to be a student. That's Vinnie Mollicone, president of the SDOI chapter.

The Sons and Daughters of Italy is always looking for new members to join in our fun and mission to preserve our Italian heritage in America. Visit our website at sonsofitalyoceancity.com for more information and our membership application.

The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America has been in existence in the U.S. since 1905. The Ocean City Lodge was started by Italian businessmen and women in May of 1980. Its goals include increasing awareness of the Italian culture and contributions of Italian Americans to the progress of the United States, helping the community through charitable contributions, and promoting Americanism based on absolute loyalty to the Constitution.

Today Ocean City Lodge 2474, with almost 200 members living in Worcester County, Maryland and Sussex County, Delaware, is active throughout the local area, donating to many charitable organizations. The lodge also provides scholarships to young Italian American high school students and helps support many young men and women who travel from Italy every summer to work in Ocean City and the surrounding resort areas.



And, on a Personal Note...

"I love trying the recipes in *Il Giornale*. Often they are for things I remember my grandmother making for us as kids. This time it was my daughter Francesca in charge. I've had the ricotta cookie recipe on the fridge for a while and when she heard about our lodge bake sale she knew what we would make. She made the recipe her own and proudly brought her cookies to our bake sale complete with stories of where we found the recipe. Needless to say she sold out of our artigianale cookies. These things are exactly the kind of tradition the lodge helps pass along. We had a great time baking together and maybe starting a tradition of our own."

Anthony DeBella

Antonio Gatto Lodge, Laurel, MD



CHARITABLE GIVING CELEBRATION AT TOWSON DULANEY LODGE



Pictured left to right are 2023 Scholarship recipient Lily Campbell of Dulaney High School, Lou Marzullo, Elizabeth McDonald, and Joe Maranto of the Towson Dulaney Lodge #2292 and Sophia Frasca of Mercy High School.

This year the Sons of Italy Towson Dulaney Lodge #2292 awarded college scholarships to two very deserving high school seniors; Lily Campbell who will attend the University of Delaware in the Fall of 2023 and Sophia Frasca who will attend Towson University in the Fall of 2023. The Lodge just celebrated its 50th anniversary and is proud to continue the tradition of granting college scholarships to exemplary local high school students. Giving back to the community and future generations has historically been a valuable and fulfilling tradition for Towson Dulaney Lodge.

FATHER VINCENT R. CAPODANNO, M.M., SERVANT OF GOD

Vincent Capodanno (1929-1967), a Staten Island, New York native, was the youngest child of a large - 10 siblings - Italian American family. His Italian father immigrated from Gaeta (Lazio Region), and his mother was Italian American. In 1949, after attending Fordham University and working in the insurance field, Vincent Capodanno entered the Maryknoll Seminary in Ossining, New York. He was ordained a Maryknoll priest by Cardinal Francis Spellman of New York in 1958. After missionary work in Taiwan and Hong Kong, Father Capodanno decided to join the Navy Chaplain Corps in 1965, and after he was commissioned a Lieutenant in 1966, he volunteered to serve with the Fleet Marine Service in Vietnam. A year later, after a month of leave, he returned to Vietnam for a voluntary 6-month extension, and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. During his Marine Corps service, Father Capodanno earned the nickname the «Grunt Padre» from his Marine Corps companions.

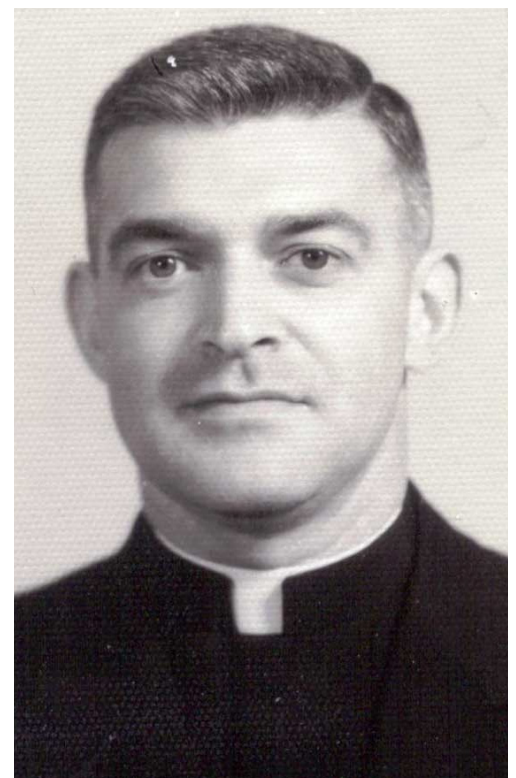
On September 4, 1967 (the Labor Day holiday), with Company D of that Marine Corps unit, Father Capodanno took part in «Operation Swift,» in the Thang Binh district of the Que Son Valley. It was then, while his unit was pinned down by heavy enemy fire from the North Vietnamese Army, and while administering first aid, last rites, and comfort to wounded and dying Marines, that Father Capodanno died in a hail of bullets. For his ... «gallantry and intrepidity»... «above and beyond the call of duty,» on January 7, 1969, Lieutenant Vincent R. Capodanno was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously by President Lydon Johnson.

A few years after his untimely death, on November 17, 1973, the US Navy commissioned the USS Capodanno (FF-1093, a Knox-class frigate), the first Navy ship to be blessed by a Pope, Saint John Paul II. It was not until 2002 that the Catholic Church opened Father Capodanno's «Cause for Canonization,» and in 2006 he was declared «Servant of God,» the first in the four-step process towards ultimate recognition as a saint. Key to this process is the recognition and certification by the Catholic Church that miracles can be attributed to saintly persons such as Father Capodanno. In his case, it was recognized that in 2019, following prayers to Father Capodanno, a Florida woman was healed of multiple sclerosis (MS). But additional, similar proof will still be needed to further the cause.

Discussing Father Capodanno's life and the process of his canonization will be Vice Admiral Stephen P. Stanley, USN (Ret.), who was appointed Board Chairman of the Father Vincent Capodanno Guild by the Archbishop of US Military Services, Timothy P. Broglio, in 2019. The Guild is a not-for-profit organization established in 2013 to promote the Cause for Canonization of Father Capodanno.

Part of Admiral Stanley's talk will likely include a power point presentation and discussion of the 2017 film produced by the Catholic TV network, EWTN, «Called and Chosen.»

Canonization is never a certainty. So, will Fr. Capodanno join the pantheon of American Saints, now numbering 15, including such familiar names as St. Mother Cabrini, St. Elizabeth Seton, Native American St. Kateri Tekakwitha, and most recently, Fr. Junipero Serra? Questions such as this were explored on the evening of the November 14th as we listened to and interacted with Admiral Stanley at the Little Italy Lodge concluded with the distribution of special prayer cards for the intention of Father Capodanno's canonization.



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