



Tasting Tour of Italy

April 24, 2022
Little Italy Lodge OSIA #2286
Foundation, Inc.



The 23rd Anniversary of The LaFamiglia Scholarship Fund Benevenuti to the Tasting Tour of Italy

The Little Italy Lodge OSIA Foundation provides college scholarships to “Famiglia” of our Lodge members and each of our sponsors, donors, guests and volunteers are testimony to our unswerving support of our educational mission! Mille grazie for joining us this afternoon.

The Foundation consists of over a dozen Board Members chaired by Vince Piscopo. The Foundation also includes 10 At Large Committee members who manage operations.

Our Foundation relies upon generous donors and on the revenue from our Spring event to fund Scholarships this coming Academic Year. We will be providing nearly \$37,000 to 7 successful applicants. The Lodge’s Scholarship Program began in 1999 due to the vision and generosity of Mr. Guy Matricciani and continued under the leadership of Angela and Jerry Elliott. We stand on the shoulders of Baltimore’s Italian American giants and as a result we will have distributed nearly \$300,000 to 80 deserving awardees over these 23 years. Congratulazioni!!

We thank the Little Italy Lodge President, Dr. Albert Marra, and the Council for its support & we send a very special Salute to Tim Elliott and his amazing Steering Committee of Maureen Chandler, Nancy Barbieri Wolfe, Sue Corasaniti and Armand Esposito for providing us this terrific Tasting Tour of Italy! I hope you enjoy this hybrid Lodge event in St Leo’s School Hall where we will recognize St Leo’s for its 140th Anniversary of ministering to the Little Italy community by unveiling the Donor Banner & giving \$500 to St Leo’s till it’s 150th Anniversary.

May God bless America and our Foundation’s efforts for good! Be well and Avanti!

**Sincerely,
Paul R. Rao PhD
President**

Menu: Celebration of the Regions of Italy

Antipasto - An assortment of Olives, Cheeses, tapenade, and fresh-baked breads by Ovenbird- *Calabria Region*.

SPASSO PINOT GRIGIO: A dry and deliciously crisp white wine. Enjoy chilled and serve with seafood, poultry, light pastas.

SPASSO MONTEPULCIANO: With intense aromas of spice and cherries, Spasso Montepulciano has a luscious, fruity, medium-bodied palate and smooth tannins.

Arancini - Italian rice balls that are stuffed, coated with bread crumbs and deep fried, and are a staple of *Sicily Region*. Made by Chiaparelli's.

ARAGOSTA VERMENTINO: Harmonious, dry but not harsh, crisp and rather lively, with a pleasantly lingering aftertaste of almonds.

Panzanella - chopped salad of soaked stale bread, onions, red peppers, cucumbers, and tomatoes that is popular in the *Tuscany region*.

TERENZI VERMENTINO: The flavor is dry, fresh, very savory, mineral, not very soft, delicately warm, discreetly full and continuous.

Gnocchi with Meatball - small lumps of dough composed of semolina, ordinary wheat flour, egg, cheese, potato, breadcrumbs, cornmeal or similar ingredients, and possibly including herbs, vegetables. - *Florence / Tuscany region*. Gnocchi by Sun of Italy; Meatballs by Joe Bennys.

TERENZI MORELINO DI SCANSANO: A wine with well-balanced, soft and persistent tannins.

Dolce - Cannolis and cookies; Cannolis, known from *Sicily history*, (from Vaccaros); Cookies from bakers of Little Italy.

ARAGOSTA SPUMANTE: Intense and flowery perfume with hints of white pulp fruits and a pleasant smell of bread crumbs. Fresh, elegant with a long and persistent flavor.



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When asked to chair this year's event, I wanted to carry on the tradition of my mother and father, Angela and Jerome Elliott, and countless others, in promoting Scholarships for the generations ahead. I remember as a kid visiting Little Italy at my grandparents' Tirocchi family house on Albemarle Street every Sunday. To this day, I can still smell the home made sauce, bread, pasta, and of course, wine and cannoli served for all who entered the home. Feasts, laughter, and love led to many return visits! We all attend the great festivals here, but one thing is clear – no matter what house, we *all* are **Famiglia** tracing our roots to one of the great regions of Italy. This year, we celebrate all our great Famiglias through the culinary Italian regional richness and traditions of the Italian Festa! Enjoy.

Mangia! Imparare! Vivere!

Timothy S. Elliott

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Grazie Millie!!



**See you at our next great event
April 2023!**