

# Little Italy Lodge Foundation

Order Sons & Daughters of Italy #2286 / OSDIA Scholarship Fundraising Dinner

# ×1-5 pm Sunday, April 28, 2024

Little Italy Lodge ~ 905 E. Pratt Street Little Italy / Baltimore, Maryland

\* Honoring education in the Italian American community

# The Foundation at a glance



Through the generosity of Little Italy Lodge members and other donors, the Foundation has awarded over \$300,000 to date in scholarships to Lodge members and their descendants. The Foundation is financed through the proceeds raised from its annual *Taste of Italy* dinners, in addition to special contributions toward the event - and throughout the year - by those who believe in our mission of awarding scholarships that further levels of education for Italian Americans in our community.

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## Message from Vince Piscopo Chairman of Little Italy Lodge Foundation



A sincere welcome and thank you for joining us at our annual *Taste of Italy*! Our committee has worked very hard once again to plan and implement a wonderful afternoon of dining and entertainment. The goal of today's fundraiser is to demonstrate to you - our guests - sincere appreciation for your support.

Taste of Italy is our primary fundraiser for scholarship funding. The Foundation's mission is to award educational scholarships to eligible Little Italy Lodge members and descendants. For the **2023-2024** school year, we have awarded seven. For **2024-2025**, we are hoping to match or exceed that! Your generosity enables us to continue awarding future scholarships.

Today we are honored to have **Dr. Paul Rao** join us as we acknowledge him for his many years of service to the Scholarship Foundation and the Italian community. Our chef today is the very talented **Mark Orendorff.** Chef Mark hails from a very successful restaurant family.

**Christopher Pisano,** our Sons of Italy Lodge president, once again chaired the *Taste of Italy* committee. *Saluti e grazie tanto* to Christopher, his committee, and the many volunteers for pulling together a myriad of details to plan such a large event.

As Foundation Chairman, I appreciate the opportunity to host each of you. Collectively, we are a component of this paramount Foundation. To fulfill its mission is a remarkable privilege. **Taste, eat, sip, dance! Enjoy the event!** 



1999 to 2023 ... in its 24th year! The Little Italy Lodge La Famiglia Scholarship Program was established in 1999 to assist deserving Lodge members and descendants in good standing as they pursue college/university undergraduate degrees. The hope is, by providing assistance to students, we can help to advance them as they demonstrate the value, contributions, and advancements our Italian legacy has displayed throughout history. The Foundation's Board of Directors announces scholarship awards totaling \$38,000 made to these seven outstanding young men & women below for the 2023-2024 school year. We feel extremely proud as we highly congratulate them, as do our many individual supporters who help make La Famiglia program so successful. Gold stars to all awardees, applicants, and donors!



#### **DEREK CAIAZZO**

\$5,000 Scholarship
In honor of Anthony "Tony" Verdecchia
Sponsored by **Guy Caiazzo** 

#### **CAROLYN DAVIS**

\$5,000 Scholarship
Sponsored by Mary Ann Pollina-Knab

#### **BRENDON ELLIOTT**

\$6,000 Recipient
The Carl T. Julio Scholarship
Sponsored by **Jerome Elliott, Sr.** 

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\$6,000 Recipient
The Jerome & Angela Elliott Scholarship
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The Matricciani/Vondersmith Scholarship
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\$5,000 Scholarship
Sponsored by Mary Ann Pollina-Knab

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## Major Scholarship Donor Families

The Jerome & Angela Elliott Scholarship The Carl T. Julio Scholarship The Matricciani/Vondersmith Scholarship The Anne Scalea & Family Scholarship





aste Committee offers its humble gratitude to Dr. Thomas M. Scalea new scholarship donor for 2024

Named after the Scalea Family, this scholarship was initiated by Anne Scalea's son, Dr. Thomas M. Scalea, who wished to honor his mother's guidance and inspiration. As a single parent and an elementary school teacher, Mrs. Scalea instilled in her five children a spirit of service and a passion for learning.

The hallmark of the Scalea children's upbringing was centered on doing for others. At all levels, she taught them the value of education and striving to do the best they could (regardless of how good that was) as long as they gave it their all. Because of her support, Dr. Scalea chose a career in medicine.

Today he is Physician in Chief at the Shock Trauma Center at the world renowned University of Maryland Medical Center. Dr. Scalea has gifted our scholarship program with a kind and generous donation over two years which benefits the Foundation's mission and today's event.







The Scalea Family John, Carol, Rob, Anne, Tom, Donald



## Or. Paul Rao, honoree

The *Taste of Italy* Committee honors **Dr. Paul Rao** for his many years of support to the Italian American community and his tireless efforts as a Foundation President 2018 through 2022.

"Mille grazie to the Scholarship Foundation for this very unexpected - yet much appreciated - recognition. Avanti!"

For over 30 years, *la famiglia* Rao - **Paul & Martina** - has been a proud and active participant in Baltimore's Little Italy *mangiare e bere* (eating and drinking) community, connections, culture, Catholicism, *feste* (festivals) and fundraisers. They first joined Baltimore's *Piccola Italia* while attending a bread-baking course at Pandola Learning Center, followed by an Alaskan cruise hosted by Little Italy Lodge.

Longtime **Saint Leo's Church** parishioners, they are actively engaged in most aspects of parish life, from selling meatball subs at the Saint Anthony and Saint Gabriel Italian Festivals, to volunteering in meatball- and ravioli-making for parish dinners. Paul has served as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector for several decades, and presented a course on stroke prevention at the Pandola Learning Center. In 2005, he received Saint Leo's *Father of the Year Award*. In 2021, he co-led the fundraising campaign in recognition of Saint Leo's 140th anniversary, helping to raise over \$300,000.

Paul is a lifetime member of **Associated Italian American Charities** (AIAC), serving on the Dinner Dance & Gala committee for a decade. He now serves as Secretary on the board of **The Appian Society**. He was the recipient of the Sons & Daughters of Italy **Maryland Grand Lodge** *Ameritan Award* in 2012.

As a longtime **Little Italy Lodge** member, Dr. Rao was asked to preside over the Lodge's Scholarship Foundation as President. During his tenure, he assisted the Foundation in increasing its awards from two scholarships totaling \$12,000 to seven scholarships totaling \$38,000.



# Applause for our Taste of Italy Committee!

Christopher Pisano, Event Chair Maureen Chandler, Co-chair Nancy Barbieri Wolfe, Co-chair



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## Cheers to our Volunteers!

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#### Grazie to Suzanna Molino

for designing the commemorative booklet.





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## Antipasto / Before pasta

Charcuterie tray & cheese board, roasted vegetable medley, spinach crab dip, tossed salad, sausage & broccoli rabe, Italian potato & string bean salad, Caprese salad

> Primo piatto / First course Wild Mushroom Ravioli

Secondo piatto / Second course Short Ribs over creamy polenta

Dolce / Dessert

Cannoli Cake by Vacarro's Italian Pastry Shop



# Wine Pairings abbinamenti di vini

Selections by Osteria da Amedeo
Wine Bar in Little Italy

# Orvieto Classico served with antipasto

This blend wine from the town of Orvieto, Umbria in Italia, is soft and fresh with an elegant flavor and typical taste of almond.

# Negroamaro served with antipasto

Negroamaro translates in Italian for the words black and bitter. Grown almost exclusively in Puglia, Italia, during its hot summers, this wine is earthy on the nose, with berries. Its semi-dry fruity and intense spicy flavors lead to a soft finish.

# Famiglia Castellani Pinot Noir served with wild mushroom ravioli

Pleasantly soft with a fruity note of wild berries, this wine tastes elegant & smooth.

# Cantina Gabriele Merlot Served with short ribs with risotto

Full-bodied and dry with a strong cherry aroma, it is balanced by fine & soft tannins.





## History of Scholarship Recipients

#### 1999 to 2023



Derek Caiazzo Carolyn Davis Brendon Elliott Isabella Keh Ashley Keister Claire Peiffer Charles Petro



Brendan Elliott Isabella Keh Ashley Keister Ingrid Lenzenweger Madelin McLean Sophia Montcalmo Ethan Zielinsky

#### 2021

Derek Caiazzo Brendan Elliott Marco Hague Ashley R. Keister Gabriella Lasek Mia Lenzenweger

#### 2020

Isabella Keh Mia Lenzenweger Madelin McLean Michaela Rusinko

#### 2019

Anthony Apicella Isabella Barbieri Jackson Landgraf Maria Laske

#### 2018

Isabella Barbieri Jackson Landgraf Wyatt Laudicina Gabriella McClean



#### 2017

Anna Cuffari Victoria Tully

#### 2016

Isabella Barbieri Cullen Siepp

#### 2015

Anna Berrettini Nicholas Butta Elizabeth Guidice Brooke Lorber

#### 2014

Nicholas Butta Alexander Culotta Ian Hughes Justin Lorber

#### 2013

Nicholas Butta Alexander Culotta Brooke Lorber Anthony Meek

#### 2012

Michael Butta Nicholas Butta Brianna Collachi Drew Myers

#### 2011

Michael Butta Charles Corasaniti Sal Corasaniti Drew Myers

#### 2010

Jillian Augustyniak Michael Butta Maria Ferrante Jamie Restivo

#### 2009

Katie Ann Augustyniak Alexandra Elliott Jamie Restivo



Katie Ann Augustyniak Alexandra Elliott Maria Ferrante Jamie Restivo

#### 2007

Alexandra Elliott Maria Ferrante Sarah Kidd C. Patrick Passaro

#### 2006

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#### 2005

Katie Ann Augustyniak Maria Ferrante

#### 2004

Jennifer DiFolco Max Pompa

#### 2003

Jennifer DiFolco Bianca Posterli

#### 2002

Katelynn Petrella Bianca Posterli

#### 2001

Stephanie Anderson Michelle Stanley

#### 2000

John J. D'Adamo Danielle Lombardi

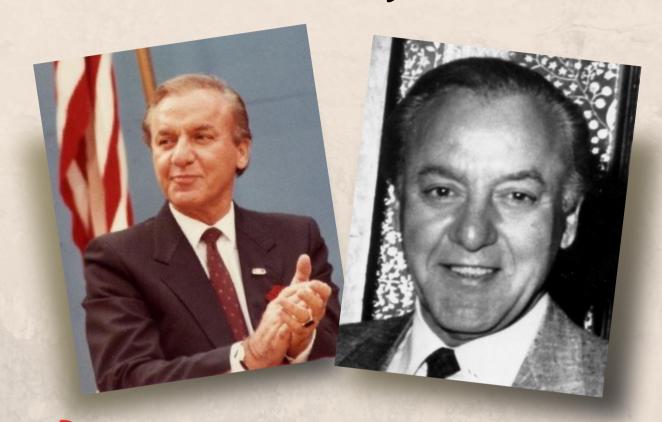
#### 1999

Cathan Daughtery Danielle Lombardi





# CARL T. JULIO



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# Tony Fusco & Kevin Fusco, Branch Managers, and the staff of Fusco Financial Associates

commend Little Italy Lodge Foundation scholarship recipients past, present and future, whose hard work and dedication have resulted in earning scholarship awards.

# As well, we proudly join in recognizing Dr. Paul Rao

for his many contributions to the Italian American community, in particular, his past years of leadership on the Little Italy Lodge Foundation Board of Directors.

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# Patricia Verdecchia & The Verdecchia Family

honors the memory of Anthony "Tony" Verdecchia

Husband, father, and longtime Little Italy Lodge Foundation Board Member & Treasurer

## Sincerest Thanks to Dr. Paul Rao

for his years of effort and success with the Little Italy Lodge Foundation





Congratulations to Dr. Paul Rao

in recognition of his volunteer services to the Italian American community.

- Maria D'Amico Noplock



# The Appian Society

congratulates
The Little Italy Lodge Foundation

Much success

# with the Taste of Italy!

We also congratulate PAUL RAO, recognized for his years of support to the Italian American community and past leadership of the Foundation



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The Iacobonis congratulate our very dear friend, Paul Rao, truly deserving to be honored by the Little Italy Lodge Foundation with this prestigious recognition.



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Saturday, November 2, 2024

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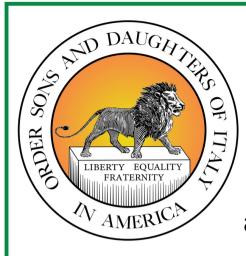
**Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser** 

featuring music from

Hope to see you there!

Chair, Monica Douglass Co-chairs: Maureen Chandler Celeste Hughes Nancy Barbieri Wolfe

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# The Little Italy Lodge OSDIA #2286

is proud of our **Scholarship Program** and the students it benefits!

Congratulations to the Volunteer Members
of the

Scholarship Committee

for their dedication and effort in the management of this noteworthy program throughout the year, and in coordinating today's signature event,



# Congratulazioni e Grazie!

Christopher Pisano
President, Little Italy Lodge

on behalf of the entire

Little Italy Lodge Council & Membership



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8AM / 4:30PM Saturday 9:30AM / 11:30AM Sunday

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Congratulations to the students who have benefited - and will benefit - from the Foundation's efforts and their own achievements.

Thank you to Dr. Paul Rao for his years of work and success with the Foundation and his devotion to the Italian American community.



La Famiglia Montcalmo
Gretchen & Chris, Tony & Bonnie, Rebekah & Joseph

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Congratulations and Thank you, Paul Rao

Thanks to the *Taste of Italy*Volunteers & Dinner Committee



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# Congratulazioni studenti!

Auguri to honoree, Paul Rao!

Saluti a tutti at Taste of Italy!



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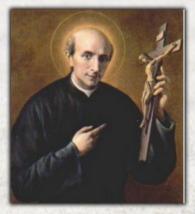
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# The Pecota Family Salutes Taste of Italy recipients and Paul Rao!



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"As a proud lifetime member of our Little Italy Lodge, I would like to congratulate **Dr. Paul Rao** on his years of contributions to our Italian American community and to the Foundation! I commend the scholarship recipients (current and future) for their achievements and wish them continued success! Thanks to the Little Italy Lodge leadership for restoring the Lodge back to normal after the pandemic and staying connected with members, long-standing and new. I particularly thank our "Sunshine Lady," **Bonnie Montcalmo**, for her caring outreach to the Lodge's ill and aging, and the families of our departed members."



~ Sam Mogavero



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
6 PM SOCIAL HOUR, 7PM MEETING STARTS

## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM

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Auguri agli studenti! Complimenti a Paolo Rao per il suo ottimo lavoro

### Suzanna Rosa Molino

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#### WATCH A BOCCE GAME

Playing a game as old as the Romans, Little Italy's bocce courts have hosted zillions of bocce matches and leagues throughout the years, as residents, families, friends & visitors congregate and enjoy camaraderie in the middle of the neighborhood.





#### SIP VINO

Stop in one of the restaurant bars or a wine bar to taste a sassy delicious red or white *vino* - and be sure to repeat what we Italians say while toasting ... Salute!



Smell that fresh-baked croissant? How about a warm waffle cone filled with Italian gelato? Or a cannoli with chocolate chips? If sweets are what you're craving, the neighborhood bakeries and pastry shops offer a tasty array to make your mouth happy.





#### SLURP SPAGHETTI

Or eat pizza. Or ravioli. Or meatballs. Or eggplant Parmesan. Or lasagna. Or any of the other delectable Italian dishes available on the menus in this restaurant district of mostly family-owned Italian eateries.