

# Do you know the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America®?

The Official color of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® is purple.

The Official emblem of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® is a Golden Lion in a field of white.

The very first local OSDIA Lodge was named Mario Rapisardi, Lodge #1.

Its missions include encouraging the study of Italian language and culture in American schools and universities; preserving Italian American traditions, culture, history and heritage; and promoting closer cultural relations between the United States and Italy.

Originally called *Ordine Figli d'Italia*, the Order Sons of Italy in America® was established in the Little Italy Neighborhood of New York City on June 22nd, 1905 by Vincenzo Sellaro, MD to support immigrants from Italy.

**The Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF)** is a private, philanthropic institution established by OSDIA in 1959. To date, the SIF has given more than \$164 million to scholarships, medical research, cultural preservation, disaster relief, and other causes.

**The Commission for Social Justice® (CSJ)** is the anti-defamation arm of OSDIA. The CSJ is committed to fighting racism, prejudice, and the stereotyping of all races, religions and cultures, especially Italians and Italian Americans.

In 2017, the Order Sons of Italy in America was renamed the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America®.

The Official motto of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® is "LIBERTY, EQUALITY, and FRATERNITY"

**The SIF owns the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum** in Staten Island, N.Y. The museum is housed in the historic home of inventor Antonio Meucci and chronicles his life as well as that of his one-time house guest, Italian unifier Giuseppe Garibaldi.

The Official flower of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® is the purple Aster

**OSDIA's national headquarters** is in Washington, D.C., near Capitol Hill.