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OSDIA Elects Robert A. Bianchi Esq. as National President



Washington, D.C., August 14, 2021 – The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America[®] (OSDIA) has elected Attorney and former Morris County Prosecutor Robert A. Bianchi Esq. as its 38th National President. The election was held today at OSDIA's 57th Biennial Convention which convened in Jersey City, New Jersey and will continue in October in Tampa Bay, Florida. Robert A. Bianchi was sworn in, assuming leadership from Immediate Past President Nancy DiFiore Quinn.

President Bianchi is the founding law partner at The Bianchi Law Group, LLC, located in Parsippany, New Jersey. Bianchi leads a team of former prosecutors who represent those criminally charged with crimes in Federal, State, and municipal Court(s). <u>https://bianchilawgroup.com/</u>

On May 10, 2007, Robert A. Bianchi, Esq., was nominated by the Governor of the State of New Jersey to serve as the Morris County Prosecutor. As the chief law enforcement officer of Morris County, Bianchi was in charge of all prosecutions and police agencies in the county.

President Bianchi is a National TV Legal Analyst and appears regularly on numerous national TV outlets. He is also a host/anchor at the Law & Crime Network, a Dan Abrams production. He can be seen at <u>https://lawandcrime.com/</u>

Robert A. Bianchi, Esq., graduated from Seton Hall Preparatory School in 1981. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, Magna Cum Laude, in American Studies/History from Providence College in 1985. He continued his education and earned his Juris Doctor degree from Seton Hall University School of Law in 1988 and was admitted to the New Jersey State Bar as an Attorney at Law in 1988.

Mr. Bianchi's father, Angelo Bianchi, was the president of the Commission for Social Justice for two terms and has been a member of OSDIA for decades. Angelo always inspired his family to be proud of their Italian heritage and is the author of "I am an Italian-American" which has been reproduced domestically and internationally for many years and hangs on the walls of many famous dignitaries throughout the world.

Mr. Bianchi is married to Michele Barrett Bianchi who is also an OSDIA member, and a retired medical assistant. Michele has always been supportive of her husband's dedication to the Order and has accompanied him on many journeys in support of the work that OSDIA performs. They live with their lovely terrier/beagle mix, Holly-" The Legal Beagle."

In addition to electing Robert A. Bianchi as National President, joining him are the following officers:

- Joseph A. Boncore, Esq. of Massachusetts, National First Vice President
- Michael G. Polo of Connecticut, National Second Vice President
- Thom A. Lupo of New York, National Third Vice President
- Dr. Mark S. DeNunzio of Florida, National Fourth Vice President
- Tony Bisceglia Anderson of Northwest, National Fifth Vice President

And

- Frank Gattuso, Esq. of New Jersey, National Orator
- John Saladino. of Massachusetts, National Recording Secretary
- Louis R. Santoro of New Jersey, National Financial Secretary
- Joseph F. Rondinelli of New York, National Treasurer
- Lynn Lawrence-Murphy of California, National Historian
- Rev. R. Adam Forno of Florida, National Chaplain

National Past President **Joseph Sciame** of New York was appointed and then elected to continue serving as President of the Sons of Italy Foundation[®] (SIF), OSDIA's philanthropic arm, for a full two year term. Established in 1959, the SIF has contributed more than **\$166 million** to scholarships, medical research, disaster relief efforts, cultural projects, veterans' causes and other special projects.

Past State President **Robert M. Ferrito** of New York was appointed and elected to serve as National President of the Commission for Social Justice[®] (CSJ), OSDIA's anti-defamation arm. The CSJ fights the stereotyping of Italian Americans.

Founded in 1905, the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America is the oldest and largest organization for men and women of Italian heritage. For more information about the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, visit <u>www.osia.org</u> or call 202-547-2900.