



AMERICAN FOUNDATION OF SAVOY ORDERS

Festa della Primavera Reception and Dinner Dance – May 13, 2011



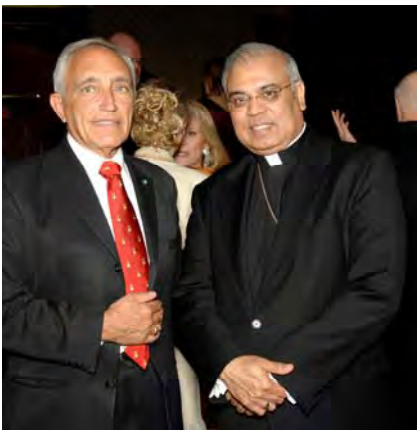
The American Foundation of Savoy Orders held its *Festa della Primavera* at the Doubles Club in New York City on Friday May 13, 2011. The *Festa* is an annual spring event hosted by the Foundation and is a fundraiser to support its ongoing charitable and educational endeavors. The 2011 *Festa* was an opportunity for the Foundation to highlight the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Proclamation of the Kingdom of Italy under the aegis of the Royal House of Savoy and His Majesty the late King Victor Emmanuel II. The event was under the patronage of Their Royal Highnesses Prince Victor Emmanuel and Princess Marina of Savoy.



The Doubles Club is one of New York's premier clubs and is located in the Sherry Netherland Hotel on Fifth Avenue. This was the second time that the Foundation was able to secure the prestigious club for the *Festa* and attract a philanthropic and distinguished attendance.



Prior to the evening's festivities, the American Delegation of the Dynastic Orders of the Royal House of Savoy held a formal meeting at the Delegation offices attended by the Delegate, Cav. Gr. Cr. Avv. Carl J. Morelli; Vice Delegates Comm. Avv. L'On. Pasquale Menna and Comm. Joseph Sciamè; the Dallas Regional Representative, Uff. Avv. E. Wayne Bacchus; Dama di Commenda, Mira Zivkovich, the Director of Communications; and Mr. Jeffrey A. Ryan, the Delegation Secretary.



The *Festa* commenced with a splendid cocktail reception enjoyed by members and guests, followed by dinner in the Club's dining room. All were welcomed by the Vice President of the Foundation, Comm. Joseph Sciamè, in the absence of the President, Comm. Marco Grassi. Our Delegate, Cav. Gr. Croce Avv. Carl J. Morelli, offered well chosen remarks on the momentous celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Kingdom of Italy.

Special guests included H.E. Archbishop Francis Chullikatt, Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, U.S. Congressman Frank Guarino (D. NJ ret), Gr. Uff. L'On. Justice Domenic Massaro and Camil Mekouar, representing his parents, His Excellency Ambassador Aziz Mekouar, His Moroccan Majesty's Ambassador to the United States and Mrs. Mekouar.



His Excellency, the Most Rev. Archbishop Francis Chullikatt, delivered the Invocation. After dinner, the Benediction was offered by Delegation Chaplain, Comm. Very Rev. John P. Maguire, OP. The night was capped with guests remaining and dancing.





The Foundation wishes to express its gratitude to all who attended, especially those members who travelled great distances to be with us. In addition, the generosity of our Grand Patron, Cav. Dott. Timothy DeZastro; Benefactors, Dama di Comm. Cristina Grassi; Comm. Marco Grassi and Cav. Gr. Cr. Avv. Carl J. Morelli. The generosity of our Grand Sponsors, Uff. Dott. R. Brandon Fradd; Gr. Uff. Prof. Theodore Jacobsen, and Cav. and Mrs. Thomas Pecora is acknowledged with grateful appreciation as are our Sponsors, Cav. Avv. Louis Benza; Comm.

Prof Eric J. Ierardi, Mr. Rod O'Connell, and Dama di Commenda Marchesa Alexandra Rossi Longhi. Thanks to Uff. Avv. Karl Senn for arranging the event at the Doubles Club. We also thank Comm. Joseph Sciame and Dama Larissa Van Duser for co-ordinating the evening. Thanks to all who supported and attended this memorable event.



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