OSIA / OSDIA
Order Sons of Italy in America

- OSIA was established in 1905 to support immigrants from Italy
- OSIA membership is currently approximately 34,000 members
- OSIA has nearly 350 lodges with Grand Lodges in 17 states
- OSIA's mission is to encourage the study of Italian language and culture in schools, preserve Italian culture, traditions, heritage and history, and to promote closer relations with Italy
- OSIA's major charities supported locally and nationally include Alzheimer's research, Cooley's Anemia, Cancer, and Autism as well as disaster relief in the U.S., Italy and other countries
- Students are given scholarships at the local, state, and national levels.
- OSIA's organizational structure at the national level includes a **Supreme Council** of elected officers representing all states, a **Commission for Social Justice**, the anti-defamation branch that fights negative advertising and all activities that stereotype Italian Americans, and the **Sons of Italy Foundation**, which is the non-profit charitable branch that filters all charity funds from local and state lodges and national fundraisers to our national charities
- The OSIA national website is http://www.osia.org. The national site includes links to all websites of state and filial lodges, as well as contact names and numbers in each state for those interested in the activities of that state
- The national website includes information on the Commission for Social Justice, our Sons of Italy Foundation, and many other areas of interest including Italian language, genealogy, Italian festivals, Sons of Italy book club, reports and studies related to Italian life in America and Italy, and many other resources. There is also a members-only area of the site that includes many benefits for members