



# THE GARIBALDI MEUCCI MUSEUM

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♥ *Happy Valentine's Day* ♥

A great  
Way  
To  
Tell  
Your  
Valentine  
"You Light  
Up My  
Life"



## VALENTINE'S DAY SALE

VALENTINE'S DAY TOWER LIGHTING SPECIAL!

SPONSOR THE TOWER LIGHTING IN HONOR OF YOUR FAVORITE VALENTINE FOR \$10!

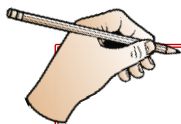
All names will be listed on our website and on social media



Sponsor the lighting of the Tower for that Special Someone this Valentine's Day.

As a special touch, the person you are honoring will receive a ♥ letting them know about your tribute.

You can purchase your tribute on the Museum website, [www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com](http://www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com), click on "Home."



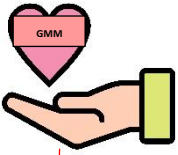
### A MESSAGE FROM GMM CHAIRPERSON

Following is an excerpt from Chairperson Joseph Sciamè which appears on the "About Us" page of the website (please read it in its entirety for an in-depth of the workings of your Museum):

"Good day one and all, friends, supporters, and colleagues who care as to our Museum's status, a home built in 1843 and in the hands of the largest and oldest Italian American organization since 1919. The Garibaldi Meucci Museum is truly a gem and oftentimes referred to as the "Jewel of the Order," meaning that the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA) who own the Museum thru the Sons of Italy Foundation 501©3 status is extremely proud to possibly be one of the only ethnic museums in America owned and administered by an organization from whence it derives its roots."

". . . . check out the website page after page, help us with donations and contributions, and maybe even help light the Tower on a night, week, month or year as some have done. We need every helping hand, for YOU too are part of that OSDIA Family and each one can be a partner in preserving our culture, heritage and language. And so yes, for me too it is a "jewel," but we must keep it shining!" (emphasis supplied by newsletter authors).

So, how can all of us help preserve and contribute to "OUR Jewel." Some suggestions follow:



1. Add the GMM as a charity to which your lodges can contribute at your State's Convention. Massachusetts has done this very successfully and last year raised \$1,000 effortlessly by doing this.
2. Sponsor a fund-raising event to raise monies for the GMM or make the fundraiser a joint event to include our other OSDIA charities. They can be very simple events such as the "Pizza, Pasta and Puccini event" being held on Staaten Island, or the "Bob Seger Band Tribute" event held by the Piave Fiume Lodge of Watertown, MA, which raised \$1,000/each for the GMM, Alzheimer's and Cooley's Anemia. A big THANK YOU to the Piave Fiume Lodge (who, we are told, will be doing another event, "Trivia Night" for the same charities.



Even though many of our Grand/filial lodges are a distance from the GMM, we can still do our part to shoulder a portion of the financial burden which is incumbent upon us as "joint owners." If your lodge is interested in any of the above fund-raising ideas, please reach out to us, and we will put you in touch with the chairpersons who can direct you to the resource. Likewise, if your lodge has run a successful fundraiser (not just for the GMM), please reach out to us so that we can share this in the newsletter (pictures would be great, too!).



3. BECOME A MEMBER. A membership form is included with this newsletter.
4. BUY A BRICK.



### *Host a Night at the GMM!*

DVD's are now available for distribution. You can "take a tour" of the Museum and spend a "Few Minutes at Meucci's." Make this a "mini" fundraiser. Serve light refreshments or coffee/dessert or BYOF while the guests watch the DVD. Add a few raffle items, have a door prize, a bake sale and/or a 50/50 raffle; charge a small admission fee.



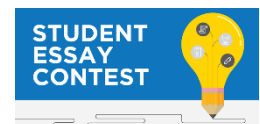
In the alternative, have a wine-tasting paired with cheese.

An easy, low-planning event for a GMM fundraiser!

### *In the Planning . . . . .*

The Museum is currently working on a plan to include ALL states with Grand Lodges to promote the Art and Essay contests among varied school students in their state. This would bring the GMM "closer to home."

More to follow as we refine the plan. . . .



We welcome your feedback and suggestions,

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**Possano le tue benedizioni essere molte**



# The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

... an Italian-American Cultural Heritage Center

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Dear Friends,

As an Italian American organization, have you ever considered becoming a member of the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum, a museum owned by the Sons of Italy Foundation® and administered by the Grand Lodge of New York Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America? We are reaching out to Italian American organizations to request membership support of the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum.

**The Mission of the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum** is to collect, hold, own, maintain, preserve, and exhibit historical objects and artifacts relating to the lives of General Giuseppe Garibaldi and Antonio Meucci; promote an understanding of Italian American heritage and a positive image of Italian Americans; conduct educational, cultural, and artistic programming designed to eliminate ethnic and racial prejudice for a diverse and growing audience.

The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum is a historic Gothic revival cottage circa 1840 located in the Rosebank community of Staten Island, New York; home to Antonio Meucci, the true inventor of the telephone and Giuseppe Garibaldi, the unifier of Italy and hero of two worlds. The museum depends on the support of its members to continue fulfilling its mission. Over this past year, our members' support has funded the growth of our programs, helping to provide educational programming to students in grades K-12, and establishing the *Giorno di Cultura Heritage Series* including book signings, lectures, and exhibits.

We urge you to initiate your membership today by completing the brief application form below and returning it along with your check to The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum at 420 Tompkins Avenue Staten Island, NY 10305 Attn: Fran Cicero. **Your annual membership donation is tax-deductible since the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.** Please contact us by phone at 718 442-1608 or email Museum Administrator Stephanie Lundegard at [slundegard@garibaldimeuccimuseum.org](mailto:slundegard@garibaldimeuccimuseum.org) with any questions. Please visit our website at [garibaldimeuccimuseum.com](http://garibaldimeuccimuseum.com).

Fraternally,

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GMM Board of Commissioners

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Please make your check in the amount of \$25 per Individual Donor or \$75 for Family Donor (4 or more family members residing at the same household address) payable to the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. You have the option of billing your credit card by providing the following information:

 American Express  MasterCard  Visa Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \*CVC# \_\_\_\_\_

\*This is the # on the back of your MasterCard or Visa. AMEX # is the four-digits on the front of the card.

Name as it appears on your credit card: \_\_\_\_\_