

26th ANNIVERSARY OF
OCTOBER ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Wednesday, October 1, 6pm

House Chambers, MA State House ~ 24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA

6pm Guests proceed to State House Chambers and be seated
6:15pm

Welcoming Master of Cerimonies	Rep. Paul J. Donato, MA State Representative
Greetings & Remarks	Jon Santiago, MD, MPH Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Color Guard Call to Order	Middlesex County Sheriff's Dept ~ Capt. John Panaggio
Pledge of Allegiance	Jon Santiago, MD, MPH Secretary of Veterans Affairs
National Anthems of Italy & USA + 1 additional song	Coro Dante, Chorus of Dante Alighieri Society of MA led by Elaine Smith Purcell, Musical Director
Blessing	Fr. Michael DellaPenna, OFM, St. Leonard's Church
Welcome and Recognition of Italian-American Organizations	Italian Heritage Month Committee President, Richard J. Vita, Esq.
Reading of 2025 Proclamation	Hon. Sal DiDomenico, MA State Senator
Recognition of Legislative and Constitutional Officers	Rep. Paul J. Donato, MA State Representative
Greetings & Remarks	Arnaldo Minuti, Consul General of Italy in Boston Thomas Lupo, National President of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

Scholarship Presentations

OIHM Founders' Scholarship Kevin Martinez Servellon, Everett HS

Joseph J. Albanese Scholarships Ashton Dusablon, Woburn Memorial HS
in loving memory of his father Charles C. Albanese Glen Paglierani, Wakefield Memorial HS
and his mother Madeline A. Albanese

presented by Adelaide Guarracino, CASIT President

UNICO Scholarship Gabriella Mosto, Salem NH, HS

presented by Enrico Caruso, UNICO President

Rep. Aaron Michliewitz NEMPAC Scholarship Noah Mendez, NEMPAC
in loving memory of his mother Geraldine Marshall Isabella Ireland, NEMPAC

presented by Rep. Aaron Michliewitz

Honorees

Marisa Di Pietro Hon. Judge Frank Caprio posthumously by son David Caprio
2025 Excellence & Lifetime Achievement in Justice and Public Service Award

Richard Vita Emilia Fazzalari

2025 Excellence in Business Leadership & Philanthropy Award

Nadia DiCarlo Lidia Bastianich

2025 Excellence & Lifetime Achievement in Culinary Arts & Media Award

Closing remarks Rep. Paul J. Donato, MA State Representative