

Membership

Presently there are two classes of Italian Center membership available for men and women, a Regular Member and a Non-Italian Member. A Regular Member is a person of Italian birth or descent who is a citizen of the U.S. or who aspires to become a citizen of the U.S. A Non-Italian Member is the spouse of a person of Italian birth or descent and who is a U.S. citizen. ***Celebrate Your Heritage and Culture, Join the Italian Center!***

If you know are interested in becoming a member, contact us at (845) 454-1492 or membership@theitaliancenter.com.

Member Benefits

Dr. Victor A. Bacile Scholarship Program, Member Golf League, Bocce League, Provincial Nights, Meeting Nights, Facility Use, Networking, Exclusive Events, Christmas Party, Socializing, Preferred Member Bar Pricing

Volunteer Program

As in any organization, volunteering provides the member the opportunity to work with other members in the organization to reach common goals. It builds a spirit of camaraderie and fellowship. It is wonderful to see members working together at various functions and events. It is most important that all members be involved in our Volunteer Program. This is a great way for members to gain insight into the workings of the Italian Center and at the same time develop lasting relationships with brother members.

History

To understand the history of the Italian Center one must be aware of the Italian people and their immigration to America. Between 1880 and 1920, approximately four million Italian immigrants traversed the Atlantic to the United States. These Italians came in search of the "American Dream". They were seeking a life that they could never have within the borders of poverty-stricken Italy.

Originally, almost all of the Italian emigrants were men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five. These Birds of Passage planned to remain in the U.S. for a year or two, and then return to Italy with money. By 1900, more and more of the immigrants were women and children. Families came with the hope of settling down in the United States and creating a new life that would be continued for generations to come. The new immigrants usually settled into cities such as New York City. Italians developed completely Italian neighborhoods, which slowly grew as more Italian immigrants arrived. These "little Italy's" blossomed in most of America's cities and Poughkeepsie was no exception.

For the most part, these immigrants were poor and semi-literate. Because of their traditions of hard work and frugality, pride forbade them from accepting public assistance. These Italians quickly formed into cultural clubs and social organizations that provided financial and job assistance to their members. These organizations also provided a social gathering place in which the culture, language and food of the mother country could be shared. Our Italian Center was such an organization, and it continues to serve as one to this day.

Italian Center Membership Application



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE ITALIAN CENTER

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Spouse's Name (If Applicable): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Town/City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Mobile #: _____ Home #: _____ Email: _____ Contact Preference: _____

Father's Full Name: _____ Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Spouse's Maiden Name: _____ Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes__ No__ If not, will you pursue citizenship? Yes__ No__

Were you ever a member? Yes__ No__ If so, when? _____ Sponsor Name (Active Member): _____

I would like to be considered for membership because: _____

Volunteer Preferences and/or Areas: Kitchen __ Waitstaff __ Maintenance __ Newsletter __ Marketing/Advertising __ Event Setup __
Provincial Night __ Meeting Night __ Planning __ Membership __ Wellness __ Scholarship __ Building/Grounds __ Bartender __

Employer/Business: _____

Occupation/Profession/Trade: _____

Skills & Interests: _____

For Internal Use: Received _____ Interviewed _____ Read _____ Balloted _____ Initiated _____
Rejected _____ Comments _____

Once completed, the Membership Application along with the membership dues should be submitted together. Dues are prorated for new members.