

CELEBRATING THE 750TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE *SOMMO POETA*'S BIRTH

THE O.S.I.A INTERNATIONAL LODGE
And
THE DANTE ALIGHIERI LEGACY ASSOCIATION
of Washington D.C.

Cordially invite
Costantino Dejala II
Principato Isola dei Cavalieri
to attend the
Wreath Laying Ceremony
Sunday, June 26th 2016 at 12:30 pm
At
MERIDIAN HILL PARK
16th & Euclid Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

The Statue of Dante Alighieri, is a bronze casting of the original located at Dante Park, NY City, donated as a gift of the Italians of the U.S. by Cavaliere Carlo Barsotti, a native of Pisa, founder of the Dante Park of N.Y. City, and also editor of the Italian daily newspaper *Il Progresso Italo-Americano*.

The work by Sicilian artist Ettore Ximenes, it was first unveiled in 1921. Barsotti, also head of the Dante Alighieri Memorial Commission of New York, gave a speech as well as M. Rene Vivian on behalf of Italian ambassador Rolando Ricci, in an event attended, among others, by President of the Italian Delegation Carlo Schanzer, the High Commissioner of Italy, signor Quattrone, and numerous military and Italian community members, celebrating Italian and American Heritage.

President Warren Harding and his wife also attended the dedication.

The Roma Lodge of OSIA had a similar ceremony fifty years ago; not since has there been a repetition, until now.

The Dante Alighieri Legacy Association of Washington D.C. and the International Lodge of O.S.I.A., presided by Comm. Melo Cicala, plan this to become an annual Washington event from here on, celebrating Italian language, culture, heritage.

We heartly thank the National Park Service for making this possible

PROTECTORATO DI STATO

Il Sovrano Ordine di San Giovanni di Gerusalemme dei Cavalieri di Malta Copti Cattolici e lo Stato Isola di Cavalieri sono sotto la protezione del Patriarca dei Copti Cattolici di Alessandria d'Egitto.

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Patr. Card. di Alessandria
per i Copti Cattolici

1/1/2002



Secretary of State
Enrico Berlinguer

Grand Master



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