



# IL PANNESE DI PROVIDENCE

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**The Pannese Society** is happy to announce that we will be submitting quarterly newsletters funded by our sponsors listed below. Our plan is to report Pannese news from Panni, Foggia and here in Providence. We have setup communication between email and skype around the world. Our membership has increased to about 40 and growing. (men and women welcome)

## Events and Information

Crowning of our Patron Saint.----June 1<sup>st</sup>, Our Lady of Grace Church, Johnston, RI----Trip To Panni, Foggia----September 1-11, 2014  
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## CROWNING OF PATRON SAINT AT OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

It has been over **100 years since a patron saint has been crowned and blessed in Johnston, Rhode Island.** Our Saint La Madonna Del Bosco has been refurbished and it's crowns designed and donated from Panni, Italy. This historic event will take place on June 1, 2014, 10:30AM at Our Lady of Grace Church in Johnston, RI. The mass will include a procession of members and gifts from the Pannese Society. There will be a special prayer and blessing of the patron saint. The crowns have already been blessed at a Mass in Panni, Foggia. All Pannese are invited to attend this celebration, which you may never see again in your lifetime. Presently, the Pannese Society consists of 40 men and woman from all over the United States. This will be a chance for anyone local, who cares about Italian heritage and religion to experience a patron saint crowning.

## MEMBERSHIP AND SPONSORS VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

What makes an organization so important to our society we live in. How do we keep our heritage alive in order to bring back what our past generations have taught us. Well, we can begin by finding our past heritage and being a part of building a future for what we have learned. The early 1900's was when our families all worked together and joined forces. Respect and charity played a big part of their culture. So many stories have been told about people helping others in order to survive. I ask all Pannese descendants to get involved and help us keep this society going through memberships and sponsorships. Our sponsors are our main reason we can keep building and keeping our heritage alive. We begin May with our first Pannese Bocci Team at the Rosario Society League.



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Welcome to our second newsletter of our Society. We are very excited about reporting news to all Italians in Providence. Our mission is culture and heritage of our ancestors and we hope to promote other organizations to participate as well. Many people from this area have ancestors from Foggia and can relate to the people from Panni. We are excited to announce that our crowns have arrived from Panni, Foggia. They were designed and donated from Panni. The picture to the right shows how nice they look on the saint. We have a mass and celebration scheduled on June 1st at Our Lady of Grace Church in Johnston, RI. We welcome anyone who would like to experience a saint crowning and blessing to attend this mass. Following the mass we will have a lunch, which location has not yet been established. We welcome all in our upcoming events. President, Joseph Spremulli

**Special thoughts in memory of Joseph Fratus a member and personal friend who just recently passed away**

**NEWS IN PROVIDENCE:** Our membership met once again to discuss our plans for advocacy and heritage. We have a plan in the works to make sister cities between Panni, Italy and one Town/City in Rhode Island. This will create a network that creates and strengthens partnerships between communities with other countries, particularly through the establishment of "sister cities." The US sister city program began in 1956 when President [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#) proposed a people-to-people, citizen diplomacy initiative. Originally a program of the [National League of Cities](#), Sister Cities International became a separate, nonprofit corporation in 1967, due to the growth and popularity of the US program. Students will be able to email, write and travel between both cities. They will learn first hand how other communities live and function compared to their own.

**NEWS FROM PANNI, FOGGIA:** This is something nice that I wanted to share with you. When the Vice Mayor of Panni, Amedeo De Cotiis, came to Providence last summer he promised to send to the Pannese Society two crowns one for the Madonna and one for Baby Jesus. On the 12th of February the Mayor and his Vice went to Naples to a craftsman to get the two crowns. On the 27th of February a mass was celebrated in little church near Panni at about 7 km where the statue of the "Madonna of Bosco" stays during the winter. At the end of the mass the priest showed all the people the crowns, blessed them and explained that as soon as possible they will be sent to the US to the Pannese Society. Have a happy and blessed Easter.

**Monica and Daniela Rucci of Panni, Foggia**