

PRESS RELEASE

The Knights of San Marco of Venice opens its U.S. Delegation in New York.

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In the past few days, the Knights of San Marco of Venice have landed in the *New World*, laying the foundations for an ever-increasing dissemination of their values of human solidarity and brotherhood not only in the Venetian land but also overseas.

The presidency of the Association of the Knights of San Marco, led by the Doge President, Dr. Giuseppe Vianello, the Secretary General, Cav. Emilio Vianello, together with Cavaliere Luciano Boscolo Cucco have just spent several days in the Big Apple for high-profile meetings to celebrate the opening of the USA Delegation of the Association, as well as to recall the strong friendship of the city of Venice with New York, honoring the fallen of the tragedy caused by the attacks of September 11, 2001.



The "USA Delegation - Knights of San Marco": with the aim of increasingly spreading the cultural values, history and sense of brotherhood that characterizes the spirit of the Association, and the friendship between Venice and the city of New York, formally with the date of May 21, 2023, the US Delegation. The inaugural celebration was held in St. Joseph's Church where the upcoming appointment of new Knights was announced to two personalities of the city of New York:

- Dr. Carl Ciaccio; President of the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum Board
- Dr. Joseph Sciamè - Sons of Italy Foundation in America

The appointment will be formalized with the official investiture of The Knights of San Marco on the occasion of the annual celebration of the new Knights, in Venice, on April 25th, 2024.

September 11, 2001 Memorial Museum (9/11 Memorial Museum, New York): with the aim of honoring and never forgetting the victims of the attacks in New York and Washington, DC, on September 11, 2001, last Saturday, May 20, the presidency of the Association of the Knights of San Marco, led by the Doge President, dott. Giuseppe Vianello, the Secretary General, Cav. Emilio Vianello, together with Cavaliere Luciano Boscolo Cucco and the US Delegate, Cav. Riccardo Lo Faro visited the Museum of Memory of September 11, 2001, built on the foundations of the Twin Towers which fell due to the attacks. The tour was led by then 9/11 "hero" Dan Nigro, Chief of the Fire Department (FDNY) at the time, along with Richard Bruno, the Museum's Director General. A deeply touching journey that develops in numerous rooms where there are photographs of each deceased, various finds from the structure of the Twin Towers, firefighters' equipment unfortunately never returned home from that tragedy, as well as a fire engine from the New York Fire Brigade, semi-destroyed by rubble.

The Order of the Knights of San Marco of Venice:

The Order of San Marco of the Serenissima Republic of Venice was the knightly order founded within the Republic of Venice "La Serenissima". The Order was established in the year 787, attested with documentary certainty since 1400. Following the fall of the Republic of Venice in 1797, the *Order of the Knights of St. Mark* slowly went extinct over time. It was restored in 1920 as a *non-profit* organization with the mission of giving public recognition to people of noble spirit who operate for the common good. The Order of the Knights of San Marco today has over 1,300 members from not only Italy but from all over the world. Among the Knights currently in the United States are Mr. Daniel Nigro and Mr. Vincent Tummino, both from the New York Fire Department, "heroes" who survived the 9/11 (2001) attack, also the lawyer Joe Tacopina, and the journalist Riccardo Lo Faro.