

Order Sons of Italy in America

Charitable and Educational Trust

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Dear Lodge President, Delegates, and Members:

At the 105th Annual State Convention on Saturday, June 29, 2019, time will be allotted for lodges and individuals to make donations, through the Charitable and Educational Trust, to the charities of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Order Sons of Italy in America as listed below. Descriptions of these charities can be found on the reverse of this letter.

Alzheimer's Association
Autism Foundation
Casa Monte Cassino
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
Scholarship Fund
C&E Trust (general donations)

In order to properly credit and process your contributions to the proper charity, please complete the enclosed 'Charity Donation Form' ahead of time and present it along with your donation, remembering to indicate whether it is a personal or lodge donation. All donations are tax deductible.

ONE CHECK made payable to "Charitable & Educational Trust" should be written for the TOTAL OF ALL YOUR DONATIONS. (Your donation form will tell us how to appropriate the funds).

PLEASE REMEMBER:

1. Write **ONLY ONE CHECK** for the **TOTAL OF ALL DONATIONS** payable to the "Charitable & Educational Trust".
2. **DO NOT** make checks payable to the Charity – we are unable to process them.

Fraternally yours,

Angelo Rossi
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Chairman

Antonio Sestito
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State President

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Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Their mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, to provide and enhance care and support for affected patients and their families, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Autism Foundation

The mission of the Autism Foundation is to improve the quality of life for people and families living with autism by connecting them with the resources they need, and by funding advocacy programs and educational, therapeutic, and recreational opportunities.

Casa Monte Cassino

The Casa Monte Cassino provides free housing to families who come to the Boston area seeking medical treatment. The Casa helps visiting families navigate the city, provides assistance with transportation, and incorporates the cultural traditions of visiting families to make them feel more at home. The Casa also hosts events to connect with the doctors they frequently work with, and symposiums to explore the human side of medicine.

Cooley's Anemia Foundation

The Cooley's Anemia Foundation is dedicated to serving people afflicted with various forms of thalassemia, most notably the major form of this genetic blood disease, Cooley's anemia/thalassemia major, which most often occurs in people of Mediterranean descent. Their mission is to advance the treatment and cure for this fatal blood disease, enhance the quality of life for patients, and educate the medical profession, trait carriers, and the public about Cooley's anemia.

Scholarship Fund

Each year, the Scholarship Commission, through the Charitable & Educational Trust, awards \$20,000 in scholarships to deserving high school seniors continuing their education in an accredited, four-year college or vocational/technical school. In order to maintain this level of giving, the fund relies on donations to the Scholarship Fund.

Charitable and Educational Trust

The Charitable and Educational Trust is the 501(c)(3) charitable arm of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which oversees the distribution of funds collected for our listed charities. In addition to these charities, the Trust reviews requests submitted by other organizations. Past donations have included the Sons of Italy Foundation, Fisherman's Feast, Garibaldi Meucci Museum, National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame, 9/11 Memorial, American Cancer Society, C.A.S.IT., Inc., Children's Literacy Foundation, and the October Italian Heritage Month Committee. It is only through donations received that the Trust can continue to support these and other charitable endeavors.