

HAPPY Columbus Day!



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in America



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, we extend our warmest wishes to you and your families for a joyful and meaningful Columbus Day celebration.

Each October, we gather as a community to celebrate Italian-American Heritage Month — a time to reflect on our proud history and honor the legacy of those who came before us. At the heart of this celebration stands a figure of profound historical importance: Christopher Columbus.

Columbus was more than an explorer; he was a visionary of the Renaissance era. His daring voyage in 1492 opened the door to the first permanent European presence in the New World — a moment that profoundly reshaped global history and laid the foundation for the world we know today.

It's worth remembering that the Pledge of Allegiance, recited daily by students across America, was written in 1892 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Columbus' journey — a testament to how deeply his legacy is woven into the American fabric.

Following Columbus' voyage came generations of European immigrants — among them, millions of Italians who brought with them rich traditions of art, music, faith, and family. Their contributions helped build a vibrant, diverse, and dynamic America — a legacy we proudly uphold.

For Italian Americans, Columbus is not just a name in history books. He represents the beginning of our story on this continent — the first great Italian contribution to the making of the Americas. Columbus Day is not merely a holiday; it is a celebration of courage, perseverance, and pride in our heritage.



As members of OSDIA, we carry forward this legacy — standing tall in our traditions, honoring our ancestors, and contributing to our communities in meaningful ways every day.

Let us celebrate this Columbus Day with pride in our past and hope for our future.

Fraternally,

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