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November 17, 1981

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Dear Dr. Giordano:

*message -*

Nancy and I are delighted to send our warmest greetings as the Leonardo da Vinci Society honors you this evening. I welcome this opportunity to express my highest regard for the George Washington University's Medical Center Trauma Unit and for all that you have done for me personally.

This is a fine tribute to you for your professional skill and dedication and for the many contributions you have made to the field of medicine.

You have my best wishes for a most enjoyable evening and once again, my heartfelt thanks.

With warm personal regard,

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN *a*

Joseph M. Giordano, M.D.  
3032 New Mexico Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20016

Sent to: ✓

*(requested by)*

Mr. Anthony Gaglioti  
President X  
Leonardo da Vinci Society  
35 East Central Avenue  
Maywood, New Jersey 07607

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cc: K.Osborne/T.Silverman/A.Locke/G.Newell/CF

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Inside Address: Dr. Joseph M. Giordano  
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Washington, DC 20016

DRAFT:SILVERMAN

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Sincerely,

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Sent to:

Mr. Anthony Gaglioti  
Society President  
Leonardo da Vinci Society  
35 E. Central Avenue  
Maywood, NJ 07607

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Sincerely

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

11/10/81

NOTE FOR DODIE LIVINGSTON

Dodie -

I have called Mr Gaglioti and expressed the regrets of the President and Mrs. Reagan that they cannot be present for the banquet honoring Dr. Giordano on November because of a schedule conflict.

I did tell Mr. Gaglioti though that the President is sending a message to Dr. Giordano on this occasion and that it will come to the attention of Mr. Gaglioti.

Mary Rawlins

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 6, 1981

TO: MARY RAWLINS

Mary, please do promise a message and route copy and incoming to me.

Thank you.

  
DODIE LIVINGSTON

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

NOV 21


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NOTE FOR DODIE LIVINGSTON

Dodie -

In regretting this invitation to the P and Mrs. Reagan, may we say the P will send a message?

Thanks

  
Mary Rawlins

We believe that the United States of America is a repository for all cultures; the Leonardo da Vinci Society dedicates itself to bringing to light and use the Italian facet of world culture.

#### Among the Society's accomplishments



*Medallion  
Award*

The Leonardo da Vinci Society's Medallion, executed by John Calabro from the self-portrait of da Vinci, features the bust of the great Italian artist, scientist and philosopher. The medallion is produced by the Medallion Arts Company of New York.

- Sponsoring an annual symposium (the theme of which varies with anticipated need) to stimulate interest in the Italian language and improve the methods of teaching it. The symposium is held at a nearby university. Educators, teachers, guidance counsellors and administrators are invited to attend, as are students. Upward of 200 attend, including participants from other states and the District of Columbia. Educators recognize this symposium as one of the most effective in the State of New Jersey.
- Awarding an annual \$1000 scholarship to a needy graduating Bergen County high school student who has excelled in the study of Italian and who has been accepted by a college where he will continue study of the language.
- Presenting a bronze medallion to one graduating student from each Bergen County high school, who has excelled in the combined studies of Italian and Science or Italian and Arts.
- Being a direct influence in having the Italian language introduced on a parity with other languages where it did not formerly appear on the curriculum of four Bergen County high schools.
- Being instrumental in helping the Italian language receive accredited standing at Montclair State College.
- Conducting classes in Italian. The Society supports a staff of qualified professional teachers to conduct classes for members and non-members, including children's classes on Saturday mornings.
- Encouraging participation in Italian folk dancing; performing at various Society functions.
- Sponsoring an annual art show open to interested professionals, amateurs, and children. Prizes are awarded in each of these categories.
- Making a substantial contribution toward publication of *Social Background of the Italo-American School Child* (Brill Publishing Company) by Dr. Leonard Covello.
- Contributing to the Italian Flood Relief to assist the victims and for restoration of priceless art damaged in the flood in Florence.
- Contributing to the Villaggio del Superdotato in Sicily. This school offers an opportunity to gifted disadvantaged children who upon being tested surpass a minimum of 130 IQ and who otherwise would not have access to a high school education.
- Dedicating the Christopher Columbus Memorial Plaza on October 11, 1971, on a parcel of land at the juncture of Palisade Avenue, Route 5 and Columbia Avenue, Fort Lee, New Jersey.

In the winter of 1961, a group gathered as prospective members of the then existing Center of Italian Culture, sponsored by Seton Hall University. The group was known as the East Bergen Chapter of the Center of Italian Culture of Seton Hall. In February, 1962, the East Bergen Chapter withdrew and a steering committee was formed to start an independent group.

The charter members of the Leonardo da Vinci Society were the same as those who had met during the winter of 1961. Officers were elected and the Society named itself after the Italian who, of all the towering figures of the Renaissance, is known to this day as the "universal man."

All activities of the Society are financed through revenue derived from membership dues and social functions.

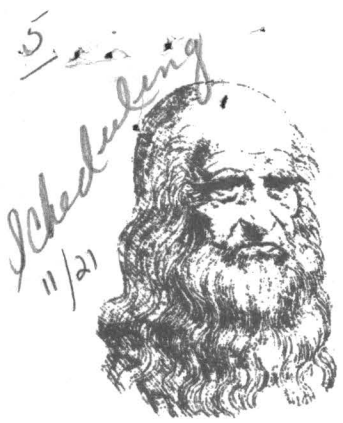
Monthly meetings are held at the Intermediate School, Fort Lee, on the third Wednesday of the month, except during July and August. A business meeting is followed by a cultural program, refreshments, and socializing. Announcements of culturally interesting events are made at the meetings, and arrangements are often made for members to attend the opera, theater, museums, etc.

For additional information write to  
Leonardo da Vinci Society,  
P.O. Box 25,  
Fort Lee, New Jersey  
07024



*Leonardo da Vinci  
Society*

The Leonardo da Vinci Society is incorporated under Title 15 of the New Jersey Statutes as a nonprofit corporation and, specifically under Chapter 6, as an educational and literary corporation. The date of filing and the official birth of the organization was April 19, 1962.



Nov. 21...

# Leonardo da Vinci Society

P. O. Box 25 • Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024

Sept. 9, 1981

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are extremely proud of Dr. Joseph M. Giordano, head of the trauma unit at George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C. whom our society will honor at a special banquet on November 21, 1981 at the Landmark Restaurant, Route 17, East Rutherford, N.J.

Dr. Giordano is a former resident of Fort Lee where our society is based and he has graciously accepted to be honored and will join us on that day to receive accolades for his continuing contributions to the field of medicine and for the unique contribution he was able to make to our national safety last spring.

We are sure you too would like to extend your personal congratulations to this great physician and we extend a cordial invitation to you and Mrs. Reagan to be with us on November 21.

Our society will be presenting Dr. Giordano with many remembrances of the evening and your presence would certainly be the most cherished he could receive.

So that you can become acquainted with our society we are enclosing a brochure which tells of some of the society's contributions and endeavors.

May we count on you as being among the many people who will pay homage to this great man on November 21? I look forward to a response from you shortly.

Sincerely,

  
Anthony Gaglioti  
Society President

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