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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Title	Judge Dominic Massaro American Society of the Italian Legions of Merit Records
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 2000-2010
Date [inclusive]	2005 - 2011
Extent	6.0 Linear feet 6 banker's boxes
Language	English
Language of Materials note	Most of the materials are in English; others are written in Italian.

Abstract CMS.104 contains records that were created between 2005 and 2011, while Judge Dominic Massaro was President and Chairman of the Board of the American Society of the Italian Legions of Merit (ASILM). ASILM celebrates Italian heritage, promotes a positive Italian identity, furthers Italian cultural patrimony, and helps the needy and poor with the award of mini grants.

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Biographical/Historical note

Born and raised in the Bronx, Dominic Robert Massaro received a Bachelor of Science and Master of Public Administration from New York University, a Master of Science from Long Island University, and a Juris Doctor from New York Law School. During his time at NYU he served as president of the Catholic Students Association, part of life-long service to the Church. Upon entering professional life, he served variously in the New York Civil Court, the New York City Commission on Human Rights, the U.S. Selective Service System, the New York State Appeal Board, the New York Division of Human Rights, the Agency for Voluntary Service, United States Regional Direction. From 1987 to 1999, he served simultaneously as a Judge in the Court of Claims and Acting Justice. In 2008, he returned to the bench as a Justice in the Supreme Court, First Judicial District (in the Bronx). Toward this end of his tenure, in 1998, he served as the American judiciary's delegate to the Rome Treaty Conference on the Creation of the International Criminal Court. In 2010, he became a Justice of the Supreme Court of Bronx County. In private life he continued his service to the Catholic Church, as chair of the Cardinal's Committee on the Italian Apostolate of the Archdiocese of New York. As that title suggests, Massaro was also interested in Italian-American issues, and was instrumental in memorializing Italian Americans Filippo Mazzei and Antonio Meucci. The Italian government has shown its appreciation of his work with honors that led to his affiliation with the American Society of the Italian Legions of Merit and thus to the deposit of these records. He is among the few Knights of the Grand Cross of the Italian Republic and also a Knight of the Grand Cross in the Royal Order of Francis I, bestowed in 2010 when he was President of the ASILM.

Biographical/Historical note

The American Society of the Italian Legions of Merit (ASILM) was founded in 1965 and has approximately 700 members residing in the United States. Each member has performed a special service that led to receiving a decoration from the Republic of Italy in one of five orders – Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, Order of Military Merit, Order of Labor Merit, Order of the Italian Star of Solidarity, and the Order of Vittorio Veneto. Founded on the basis of strengthening the traditional bonds of friendship existing between Italy and the United States, ASILM is national in scope, international in spirit, and functions at the highest levels of chivalric, diplomatic, and beneficent arenas. The Society has historically provided financial assistance to a wide-range of cultural and humanitarian endeavors both in the United States and abroad.

Judge Massaro (1940 -) is a Supreme Court judge in New York who is one of a dozen Italian descent to hold Italy's highest decoration of Cavaliere di Gran Croce della Repubblica Italiana. He served as president of the American Society of the Italian Legion of Merit and was conferred Knight of the Grand Cross in the Royal Order of Francis I by H.R.H. Prince Carlo di Borbone, Duke of Castro and Head of the Royal House of Bourbon – Two Sicilies. The Bourbons ruled in southern Italy until the unification of the

Italian peninsula in 1861. A past president of the National Commission for Social Justice, Massaro has also been conferred four other Grand Crosses – by the Vatican, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, the Roman Catholic church, and the Organization of Latin American States.

Scope and Contents note

CMS.104 consists of personal correspondence, biographical data of ASILM members and honorees, documents regarding funding projects, and special events, as well photographs and news clippings. Also included are several bound issues of the newsletter "Il Cavaliere," published by ASILM, and a bound volume of ASILM ECOSOC Application for Consultative Status. There are also a few CDs documenting special events. The records document the experience of running a not-for-profit organization as business technology changed and as "branding" and public relations became more important.

Arrangement note

The current arrangement of the Judge Dominic Massaro American Society of the Italian Legion of Merit (ASILM) Records is by various series and within each series the documents are divided into files folders that are mainly organized chronologically by year.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers by appointment.

Conditions Governing Use note

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

The Hon. Dominic R. Massaro deposited the collection with the Center for Migration Studies between July 17 and July 25, 2015.

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Massaro, Dominic R. (Dominic Robert), Hon.

Subject(s)

- American Society of the Italian Legions of Merit

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