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# Meet: "I NOSTRI TESORI"



White Plains couple Domenico and Teresa Rivero have been consistent, dedicated and hardworking members of the Antonio Meucci Lodge #213, OSIA, for many, many years.

Domenico, a retired furniture maker and construction industry professional, has put his versatile skills and artistry to use in many ways for the Lodge's benefit since 1970. In addition to helping complete the Lodge building's original interior finishes, he masterfully designed and executed the ballroom's trimwork for its 2003 grand renovation. He is most noted for having finished the Lodge's bar and for designing and creating the frame that surrounds the Antonio Meucci banner. Most recently, he designed and poured the foundation for the Centennial flagpoles, ensuring that the dual flags would forever fly and represent his and our Members' treasured Italian and Italian American heritages.



Teresa, a homemaker and mother of four, recently completed her four-year tenure as president of the Lodge after being a very active member for over 35 years. With her election in 2011, she became only the third woman to hold this office in the organization's 100 year history. Teresa's belief that "L'unione fa la forza" (strength in unity) helped set the tone for increased teamwork and collaboration, resulting in a variety of successful events. Leading the group in its Centennial year, she facilitated the completion of many projects and helped position the Lodge as an important civic group in the City of White Plains.

Both Teresa and Domenico were born and raised in the picturesque village of Satriano, Italy. There, Domenico honed his skills as a furniture maker before

emigrating to the U.S. in 1955 and Teresa began her long career of aiding others, assisting the local nuns in caring for the needy. After marrying in 1962, they settled in White Plains and taught their four children, William, Maria, Joseph and Ralph, to respect their American citizenship without compromising their ethnicity.

Throughout the years, the couple has always found time to help others. Teresa often worked with the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Agnes Hospital, the Columbiettes of the Knights of Columbus and volunteered at all her young children's schools. She and Domenico are avid supporters of the Westchester Community College Italian Club and the Italian Culture Club of West Palm Beach, where they reside in the winter. Both were honored for their overall leadership and notable contributions to the Italian American community, Domenico in 2009 by the Italian American Museum Trustees and Teresa in 2011 by the Westchester Community College Italian Club. They also share the honor of being awarded the Antonio Meucci Lodge's highest honor: Teresa was named "Woman of the Year" in 1996 and Domenico was similarly honored as "Man of the Year" in 2005.

Today, both are still very active in the Lodge, working collaboratively to produce many worthwhile and enjoyable Lodge events such as "Pasta and Tombola Night" and the Sunday day trips to Atlantic City. When they are not busy with their Lodge activities, they enjoy spending time with their five beautiful grandchildren, traveling and entertaining.



Man of the Year



Hall of Fame

*The Rivero family have touched and been part of our Order and Lodge growth since its foundation. They have been truly dedicated and extremely generous and always ready to help. I speak for all of our Lodge family when I say "Our Sincerest Thanks"*

President *Angie Casella*

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