

# BIOGRAPHY OF NICOLA TROMBETTA

Nicola Trombetta was born January 23, 1955 in Avellino, and lived in the City of Solofra (Av) until he was 16 years old. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1972 and was a Community Activist since 1974. Nicola became a naturalized US Citizen in 1984.

Nicola Trombetta married Maria Baggio, native of Termini Imerese (PA) in 1981, and they have 4 children, 3 males and 1 female. Maria immigrated to the USA in 1971.

Nicola is employed by the Belmont Arthur Avenue LDC, where he performs the job of buildings inspector on behalf of NPC-HPD (Neighbor Preservation Community - Housing Preservation Department) City of New York, from the same office carries out a Community Social Service task for the benefit of the Community at large.

Nicola was a trade auto mechanic and Service Manager for FIAT, ALFA ROMEO, LANCIA and domestic cars for many years. He worked for St Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx for 10 years as a Security and Administrative driver. He attended night school and achieved the GED Equivalent High School Diploma, while he was employed at Pioneer Bus Company as a Driver and Bus Mechanic.

Nicola Also worked for Sears Roebuck for 10 years as a Lead Sales person and Floor Coordinator. Since 2002, he worked for the Belmont Arthur Ave LDC, in partnership with HPD, NYC Sponsored Projects and Community Programs in which he held the position of Program Manager.

Nicola Trombetta is the oldest of 5 children of Giovanni and Anna Trombetta. Nicola's early childhood years were spent at St. Andrew the Apostle town near Solofra (Av). He attended elementary school at St. Andrew the Apostle and two years of high school at the St. Joseph Seminary in the City of Riccia (CB). Nicola completed his final year of high school at the Middle School in Solofra Francesco Guarini, and he graduated High School in June of '69.

He worked in his parent's shop in Solofra, for some years. Not satisfied because Nicola always wanted to experience the enterprising work of tanning, he went to a tannery in Solofra for several months, then moved to Massazza (Ve). While working at a tannery factory in Venice, he took a specialized course in chemistry.

That same year, the Trombetta family received notification from the United States that their immigration papers had been approved!

The Trombetta family emigrated to America in 1972 settling in New York. The neighborhood in the Bronx where he still resides since his arrival is called "**Little Italy**" of **Arthur Ave.** Nicola's love for the Italian Community, prompted him to establish several cultural and religious organizations and participate in many others.

He is the Founder and President of the **Italian Club Mount Carmel Youth**, a founding member of BIACA of Belmont (**Belmont Italian American Community Association**), founding member of the **Italian-American Federation of Bronx-Lower Westchester**, where he held various administrative positions including the Presidency for two years. He is a founding member of the **Society Solofrana S. Michael the Archangel and Friends. Inc.**, President from 1986 till present; organizer and creator of various activities in the socio-cultural community of Belmont, including coordinator for several years for the **Ferragosto di Belmont**, which is celebrated every year during the month of September in the suburb of the Belmont in the Bronx. He has held voluntary positions in the Belmont Mount Carmel Church, active member of the **Parish Council**, a **Special Minister of the Eucharist**, **Lector at the Italian Masses**, Member of the **Church Choir**, always present for any voluntary church activity. In the year 1999 **co-founder of the Federation of Associations of Campania in the USA**, where he served for four years as a **Executive Secretary**, elected **President** in 2006. Since January, 2011 he has been **Knight Templar and New York State Prior** by the **Knight Templar Jacque De Moliere Christians of Europe** based in Italy.

### Achievements:

- **President of Societa' Solofrana S. Michele Arcangelo ed Amici Inc**, in the Bronx since 1986.
- **Past President of Federazione delle Associazioni Italo-Americane del Bronx and Lower Westchester**
- **President of the Federation of Associations of Campania USA** on 2006/8; 2008/2010; 2012/1014; 2014/16; In January, 2016 Nicola Trombetta was re-elected President of the Federazione delle Associazioni della Campania USA for the terms, 2016/2018. The Federation of Associations of Campania USA has enjoyed moments of glory under his guidance, organizing a **fundraising** for the earthquake victims of the Emilia Romagna, Abruzzi, Marche, and Lazio Regions, and many more for other human catastrophic events.
- Nicola has been **recognized by many Italian Politicians in NYC** and abroad for his continuous effort to serve the Italian and the International Community.
- Promoter in realizing the **September 11 Memorial in Italy, City of Pompeii**. Nicola has followed all the steps collaborating with the New York Port Authority and the City' of Pompeii at all levels in order to accomplish the Memorial in the City of Pompeii (Italy) in Honor of the victim of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Monument is located in Bartolo Longo Plaza next to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Pompeii.
- **Honorary Member** of Solofra City of Peace (Citta' della Pace), bestowed with the **Premio Internazionale per la Pace with a Gold Star**.
- **Honorary member** of the Pontelandolfo Community Club Inc in Waterbury, CT.
- **Honored by the Carolei Club of NY State** in 2006, with the **Merit Award** for his contribution to the dissemination of Italian Heritage and Culture;
- **Honored by the Filitalia International**, based in Philadelphia with the **Leadership Award**;
- **In January, 2011** he has been proclaimed **Knight Templar and New York State Prior** by the Knight Templar Jacque De Moliere Christians of Europe based in Italy.
- **Honorary Parishioner 2012** for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Bronx, NY.
- **Honored by the Morning Star Society of New Rochelle , NY** with the **Leadership Award 2012**.
- **Honored by the Petrosino Foundation** in 2014, with a **Merit Award** coming from the city of Padula , Italy.
- **Honorary Member Gruppo Culturale " Francesco Guarini 2015** with the **Merit Award**.
- **Recipient of the Ambassador Award** by the Italian American Museum of NYC, in April 2016.
- **Man of the Year 2016** on November 2016 by the **Festa Campana of Long Island in Westberry, NY**.
- **Putnam County Columbus Parade and Festivities Grand Marshal, October, 2017**, of the Italian American Club of Mahopac in Putnam County, NY.

His motto his: **Never forget your Roots or your history, be proud of yourself and your origins and most important SERVE WHOM MAY NEED YOUR HELP.**