

A Special Message

On behalf of the Italian Historical Society of America, and in memory of my father, John N. LaCorte, founder of the Society, I want to express my deep appreciation to the



John N. LaCorte, Robert F. Kennedy, Judge Edward Re dedicating monument to Charles J. Bonaparte in 1961.

Department of Justice for their continued support in commemorating Charles J. Bonaparte, who was the driving force behind the creation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On June 22, 1961, the Italian Historical Society of America was privileged to present to the Department of Justice, the Charles J. Bonaparte Monument, which is permanently installed at the Robert F. Kennedy Building. On June 9, 1977, the Charles J. Bonaparte Auditorium in the FBI Building was dedicated, further acknowledging the great contributions of Bonaparte.

For the past 50 years, the Italian Historical Society of America has proudly maintained the tradition of commemorating Bonaparte in June, the month of his birth. On this year's historic milestone, as we have in the past, we seek to keep alive the memory of the contributions of this great American of Italian heritage.

We also want to extend special thanks to two individuals at the U.S. Department of Justice who have coordinated the planning of this ceremony: Francesco Isgro, Senior Litigation Counsel, Civil Division, and Anna Rosario, Special Emphasis Program Manager, JMD. This year we also extend thanks to the Friends of Charles J. Bonaparte for joining us in supporting this annual ceremony.

John J. LaCorte, Jr. Ph.D., President

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THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL CEREMONY

In Commemoration Of

Charles J. Bonaparte

46th Attorney General Of the United States Founder of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Co-sponsored by
The Italian Historical Society of America
U.S. Department of Justice

Wednesday, June 9, 2010
The Great Hall – 11:30 a.m.

Robert F. Kennedy Building
Pennsylvania Avenue and Tenth Street
Washington, D.C.

CHARLES JOSEPH BONAPARTE



Charles J. Bonaparte was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on June 9, 1851. His grandfather was Jerome Bonaparte, Napoleon's younger brother, who had married Elizabeth Patterson on a trip to America. After receiving a law degree from Harvard University, Bonaparte began to pursue a distinguished career in jurisprudence.

In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed him the 46th Attorney General of the United States. Bonaparte soon discovered that he was hampered in carrying out President Roosevelt's "trust busting" policies because of the absence of a permanent investigative staff. Until that time, the Justice Department had been limited to hiring only temporary investigators, usually borrowing them from the Treasury Department's Secret Service.

Over one hundred years ago, on July 28, 1908, acting on Presidential instructions, Bonaparte issued the order that made his special investigative force a permanent subdivision of the Department of Justice. In 1935, what had begun as a 23-man unit under Bonaparte's direction, was renamed the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In addition to his service in the Department of Justice, Bonaparte is remembered for his important work as founder of the National Civil Service Reform League, and as an organizer and president of the National Municipal League.

PROGRAM

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<i>National Anthems</i>	Nina Di Gregorio President, Italian Opera Company Benjamin Togati
<i>Invocation</i>	Rev. Lydio Tomasi, Ph.D. Pastor, Holy Rosary Church Washington, D.C.
<i>Welcoming Remarks</i>	John A. DiCicco Acting Assistant Attorney General Tax Division, U.S. Department of Justice John J. LaCorte, Jr., Ph.D. President Italian Historical Society of America
<i>Introduction of Keynote Speaker</i>	Hon. Francis M. Allegra Judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims
<i>Keynote Speaker</i>	Thomas J. Perrelli Associate Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice
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