



Joseph Meccariello

Vice Chairman

Joe was born in Airola, Benevento in 1946 son of Carlo and Allesandra Meccariello. He came from a business oriented family of four brothers and two sisters. All of whom remain close today.

At an early age Joe demonstrated his passion towards construction. Upon completion of elementary school Joe immediately began his studies as an architect, applying his skills wherever possible. He worked as a carpenter to help support his studies and practice his trade.

Upon his 18th birthday Joe entered the Italian Air Force. After just a short while he achieved the rank of sergeant. He served three years in the Air Force, proudly serving his country; it was during this time that he met his loving wife Clementina. Upon his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Joe married Clementina.

At the tender age of 21 Joe knew he had to move away from his beloved home and pursue his dreams. Newly married Joe and his wife left Italy for a fresh new start in America. It was here that Joe showed his true talents. He immediately attained employment in the construction industry. After just a few short months his employer realized that Joe had plenty of potential and promoted him to Foreman. From there it was just a short while before he was again promoted to General Super. He worked on a great many construction projects constantly applying the skills he brought with him, making an outstanding reputation for himself in his field.

After many years of hard work Joe was widely recognized in his field, respected by all his peers. But still Joe had more dreams to fulfill. He needed to create something of his own, a company that he could be proud of. That's when Joe decided to begin Mecc Contracting Inc. He gathered his current business associates and together they began work in 1986. They began the business from the ground up, starting with an empty lot and just a few pieces of used equipment. From this Joe and his associates have built a company which has employed over one hundred and fifty employees for the last twenty two years and has held contracts with all the major utilities as well as the City of New York.

Joe's motto has always been that nothing is impossible and always strive for perfection. This shows in all of his endeavors, he has always put his heart into his work, as well as his family and social life. Joe continues to be involved with a great many societies as well as various charities and fund raising activities. Everyone who knows Joe can tell you that he is not a person who refuses to help a good cause. Whenever he lends himself to an activity he does so wholeheartedly. He has demonstrated this time and time again. Joe's life and work have definitely affected a great many people, his good deeds have been admired and respected by all of whom have had the pleasure of knowing him.

In recognition of all his work and charitable contributions in his province of Benevento Italy, such as the design, construction and donation of a chapel to La Madonne delle Grazie as well as the design, construction and donation of a monument to Padre Pio in his hometown of Airola, as well as all the efforts he has made to promoting his Italian American Heritage Joseph Meccariello was awarded the title of Cavaliere Della Repubblica Italiana from minister Mirko Tremaglia on October 9th 2005. In continued recognition of his work the president of Benevento Onorevole Carmine Nardone awarded Cavaliere Meccariello the Golden Gladiator award on July 7th 2006. This is a very prestigious award given to only one member of the province per year for the recognition of their endeavors. The event was televised and broadcast throughout Joe's home town province.

Philanthropic Associations and awards:

Mr. Meccariello's philanthropic activities and awards include:

- Member, Columbus Citizens Foundation, NYC
- Member and Vice President, Association Sanniti Nel Mondo
- Member, Howard Beach Columbus Day Foundation Inc.
- Member, Societa San Pasquale Di Baylon, NY
- Member, Inter-Club Moratti, Queens
- Member, Ferrari Club of North America
- Member, Lamborghini Club of North America
- 1996, City of NY Council member proclamation
- 1996, Recognition award, Ferrari Club of N.A.
- 2000, City Council Proclamation, NYC
- 2000, Hero of the Millennium Award, Ozone Howard Little League
- 2000, Humanitarian Award, Citta Del Ragazzo di Messina, NY
- 2000, State of New York Senate Certificate of Recognition.
- 2001, Italian-American Businessman of the year, Columbia Association of NY
- 2002, Appreciation Award, Federazione Italo-Americano of Brooklyn and Queens.
- 2004, Businessman of the year, Inter-Club Moratti, Queens NY
- 2005, Man of the Year, Societa San Pasquale Di Baylon, Brooklyn NY
- 2006, Golden Gladiator Award, Benevento Italy
- 2006, Leadership Award, Queens Republican Party
- 2006, Distinguished service award, Federazione Italo-Americano of Brooklyn and Queens.
- 2006, State of New York Senate Proclamation.

- 2006, Helped to form the Associazione " Sanniti nel Mondo" of which he is first Vice President.
- 2006, Grand Marshall, Howard Beach Columbus day Parade.
- 2007, Man of The Year, Associazione Castlevetranesi D'America
- 2008, Honored as the Grand Marshall of the Carnival Parade by the President of the Province of Benevento, Italy.
- 2009, Helped to form the Associazione Cultural Italiana di New York of which he is the Vice Chairman.
- 2009, Honored as the Businessman of the year by the SS Cosma & Damiano Society.

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