



# The Craco Society

## Second Annual Crachesi del Nord America Reunion

August 15-17, 2008

New York, New York



From August 15 – 17 2008, we would like to invite all people with an interest in the historic southern Italian hill town of Craco to a gathering on the Lower East Side of New York City in the area known as Little Italy.

The event opens with a group dinner on Friday evening at a traditional Italian-American family restaurant, Forlini's on Baxter Street. On Saturday morning the group will visit the Tenement Museum to catch a glimpse of the living conditions our ancestors endured as new immigrants. This tour will be followed by a grand Italian luncheon and official Craco Society meeting at Il Cortile on Mulberry Street. Attendees will then be able to explore the Little Italy section of Lower Manhattan and visit the sites that first housed our ancestors at the turn of the 20th century. The day culminates with individuals continuing their exploration of New York City and enjoying dinner in Manhattan or perhaps in the nearby Borough of Brooklyn that was a haven for many Crachesi after they gained some prosperity.

The reunion falls during the San Rocco Festival, a major event celebrated widely in Basilicata. On Sunday we will have breakfast at Ferrara's, one of the area's oldest and well known eateries. Afterwards attendees can join the special Mass at St. Joseph's church celebrating San Rocco and then participate in the 119th annual procession through the streets of Lower Manhattan following the same route as our immigrant ancestors. This is a rare opportunity for many new generation Crachesi to experience a full Italian American procession through the streets of New York. We hope you will join us as we together explore our ancestors' immigrant experience.

**Continue to Learn about Craco and its people:** Research material will be available at the meeting including maps of the old town, an index of vital records, Craco census records, and a list of Craco immigrants. Everyone attending will leave the session with an information packet. More importantly, there will be plenty of time to share information, pictures, addresses and stories with your "Cracotan" cousins.

**Reunion Site:** The second annual Craco Society Reunion will be held at several locations on the Lower East Side of New York City that is still known as Little Italy. All the events will be taking place in the old neighbourhood with meeting venues within walking distance of each other. Those commuting into the City or staying in the area will find the walking easy, convenient and an addition to the meeting experience.

**Registration:** Please take a couple of minutes to review the enclosed material then fill out and return the registration form so we can make arrangements for your participation. The full registration fee of \$175 US per person includes: Friday evening dinner, Saturday visit to the Tenement Museum, Saturday lunch & meeting, Sunday breakfast, copies of meeting materials and Craco family history resource information.

### FRIDAY AUGUST 15

6:30pm Dinner  
Forlini's Restaurant, 93 Baxter St., New York, NY

### SATURDAY AUGUST 15

10:00am – 11:30am Immigrant Experience  
Tenement Museum, 108 Orchard St., New York, NY

12:00pm – 3:00pm Lunch & Craco Society Meeting  
Il Cortile Restaurant, 125 Mulberry St., New York, NY

3:00pm Individual touring of the area. No scheduled events for the remainder of the day allowing attendees to visit ancestral sites or explore and have dinner in New York City

### SUNDAY AUGUST 16

9:30am – 11:00am Breakfast Meeting  
Ferrara's, 195 Grand St., New York, NY

11:00am Travel to St. Joseph Church for noon Mass  
5 Monroe Street

1:30pm Participate in the San Rocco Festa

Should you be able to attend only portions of the meeting you can register for just those segments. See the Registration Form for details about this option. Please return your registration form by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Where to Stay:** Hotel accommodations are not included in the registration cost. There are many hotels in the immediate area with varying prices:

Holiday Inn Manhattan Soho	<a href="http://www.ichotelsgroup.com">www.ichotelsgroup.com</a>	(800) 465-4329
Soho Grand Hotel	<a href="http://www.sohogrand.com">www.sohogrand.com</a>	(212) 965-3000
Tribeca Grand Hotel	<a href="http://www.tribecagrand.com">www.tribecagrand.com</a>	(212) 965-2080
Hotel of Rivington	<a href="http://www.hotelonrivington.com">www.hotelonrivington.com</a>	(212) 475-2600
Blue Moon Hotel	<a href="http://www.bluemoon-nyc.com">www.bluemoon-nyc.com</a>	(212) 533-9080
Off Soho Suites Hotel	<a href="http://www.offsoho.com">www.offsoho.com</a>	(212) 353-0860
The Solita Soho Hotel	<a href="http://www.clarionhotel.com">www.clarionhotel.com</a>	(212) 925-3600
Sohotel	<a href="http://www.thesohotel.com">www.thesohotel.com</a>	(212) 226-1482
Howard Johnson	<a href="http://www.hojo.com">www.hojo.com</a>	(212) 358-8844
Best Western Bowery Hanbee	<a href="http://www.boweryhanbeehotel.com">www.boweryhanbeehotel.com</a>	(866) 221-2102



# Registration Form

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### Instructions:

Please complete and return this registration form as soon as possible, but no later than August 1, 2008 along with a check made out to The Craco Society (Inc.), mailed to the address below. A registration acknowledgement will be sent along with updates about the meeting.

The Craco Society (Inc.), c/o Frederick H. Spero, Director, 14 Earl Road, East Sandwich, MA, 02537 USA

Name:			<input type="checkbox"/> I am an existing member  Please use my existing address, telephone & email information
Address:			
City:			
State:	Zip:	Country:	
Tel:		Email:	

### Option 1: Full Registration, All Events (indicate below the names of people attending all events)

Included: Friday evening dinner and meeting, Saturday morning museum tour and group lunch, Sunday breakfast, conference materials. Free for children under the age of 12. Travel, hotel accommodations, other meals and refreshments are not included.

NAME	COST/PERSON	TOTAL COST
	X	
	\$175 US/person	\$

### Option 2: Selected Events Only

List below the names of people attending the selected events, and indicate which events he/she will be attending by checking off the appropriate boxes:	FRIDAY DINNER \$65	SATURDAY MUSEUM & LUNCH \$110	SUNDAY BREAKFAST \$25	TOTAL
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