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### ANNUAL BREAKFAST POSTPONED DUE TO PANDEMIC

Our annual mass and breakfast celebration normally held on the feast of La Madonna del Bosco has been cancelled. Likewise too, there will be no feast events held in Panni. However, Our Lady of Grace Church will be holding a "dine-out" festival on the church grounds in honor of the Madonna on Sunday, September 13th following the 10:30am mass. Members and their families interested in participating may listen to the feast mass in the parking lot of the church by tuning into their car radio station FM 90.1. Following the brief service you are asked to remain in your vehicle and follow the usual feast procession route (1.5 miles). Upon returning to the church grounds you will be served a complete lasagna dinner or any other feast-related food and beverage such as macaroni & meatballs, soffrito, tripe, eggplant, rabe & provolone, sausage & peppers, pizza, and of course, doughboys - to name a few of the menu items. Complimentary food tickets will be given to Pannese members and if you like, the food may be delivered right to your vehicle. It goes without saying that anyone who would like to participate physically "in-person" may also enter the church for the mass, walk in the procession, and dine under the huge feast tent provided face masks and social distancing requirements are followed. An email will be sent out shortly providing further details and what feast foods you may select, compliments of The Pannese Society. Hoping all of our members and their families are safe and staying healthy; and we ask that you keep us informed with any news and events that affect you and your family.



WE STRIVE TO PROMOTE THE CULTURAL, SOCIAL, SPIRITUAL AND EDUCATIONAL HERITAGE BY COMMITTING TO RECORD AND PRESERVE OUR ANCESTRY FOR THOSE FUTURE GENERATIONS HONORING OUR PATRON SAINT. ....LA MADONNA DEL BOSCO.....



MEMBERS IN LAST YEAR'S PROCESSION

PANNESE SOCIETY MISSION STATEMENT

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### WISHING ALL MEMBERS WELL



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### A CHALLENGING YEAR FOR OUR SOCIETY

Dear Pannese Society Members:

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you today and hope that you all are remaining safe and healthy in these uncertain times. My thoughts have been with our members and their loved ones and I want to let you know that we are still standing strong in our mission. We once again have made a sizable donation to the food pantry to help those in need. Since meeting earlier this year as a body; we were saddened by the loss of members John Spremulli, Don Brandt and Ernie Piscopiello – all long-time members. Although we did not get together for the Society's signature event - the annual mass and breakfast on August 23<sup>rd</sup>; we will still have an opportunity to see one another soon at the feast procession at Our Lady of Grace Church in Johnston on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Any member who would like to attend and represent The Pannese Society as we parade in our cars will receive complimentary food tickets. More information on this event will be forthcoming. I want to also thank our board members who have met several times since the pandemic outbreak. We have received several applicants for membership and it pleases me that our Society continues to grow. Looking forward to better times and hope you all stay well!

Your Society President, Joe Spremulli

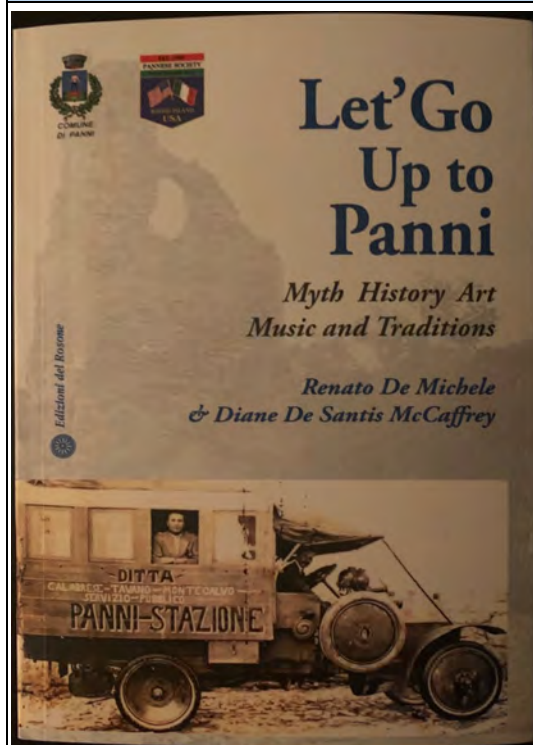


## IN ARRIVO MOLTO PRESTO

In our last newsletter we mentioned the on-going work of an English translation of "Sali Che Ti Porto A Panni". The book about Panni's origin – coupled with history, art, music, myths and traditions is finally on its way from Panni to our Society. Copies will be available soon.



TAB. 18 - Anonymous tapestry, *The Triumph of Bacchus over Ariadne* (Panni, Mayor's Room). The work is an anonymous copy of the one by Antoine Coypel (1661-1722, original in 1693), and created starting from the engraving by Gérard Audran (1686-1763). The original by Coypel reappeared in 1980, and is now at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, USA [<http://www.philamuseum.org/collections/permanent/85904.html>].



## THE TALE OF SCAZZAMATIEDDE

(LEGEND TAKEN FROM THE SOON TO BE RELEASED BOOK LET'S GO UP TO PANNI.)

**I DIDN'T GROW UP IN PANNI; IN FACT, I NEVER EVEN SET FOOT IN THE TOWN UNTIL 2003 AT THE AGE OF 57. HOWEVER, VERY EARLY ON IN MY VISITS, I BECAME INTRIGUED WITH THE FAMOUS LOCAL LEGEND OF A STRANGE, HAIRY, UGLY & OLD GNOME-LIKE CREATURE CALLED SCAZZAMATIEDDE.**

**HAVING LITTLE FACILITY WITH THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE, I WAS HARD PRESSED TO UNDERSTAND THE NUANCES OF THE TALE; BUT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE LITTLE GUY AND AVAILABLE ILLUSTRATIONS OF HIM PIQUED MY CURIOSITY.**

**THIS FIRE-PLUG SHAPED CREATURE LIVED IN A LABYRINTH OF CAVES BENEATH IL CASTELLO AND POUNCED BARE-FOOT, AND WITH A SHRILL, PIERCING SOUND SIMILAR TO PAN'S OLD BAGPIPE, AT COMPLETELY UNSUSPECTED MOMENTS.**

**FROM AN ENDLESS ROCK CAVE WITH AN OPENING LIKE A MOUTH, SCAZZAMATIEDDE, IN A TOBACCO-COLORED CLOAK AND A WIDE-BRIMMED RED HAT, WOULD FRIGHTEN A LONE PASSERBY, LAUGH LUSTILY, THEN MAKE FUN OF HIS FLAWS.**

**A LONG TIME AGO THIS GNOME, AS LEGEND HAS IT, ACCOSTED A STINGY MAN SLEEPING IN THE CASTLE. SCAZZAMATIEDDE JUMPED ON HIS STOMACH AND INSISTED THAT HE TAKE OFF HIS SHOES. "I WANT YOUR SHOES! UNDERSTAND? AND FILL THEM WITH STONES."**

**TERRIFIED, THE MAN OBEYED WHILE SCAZZAMATIEDDE ROLLED ON THE FLOOR, BELLY UP, LAUGHING.**

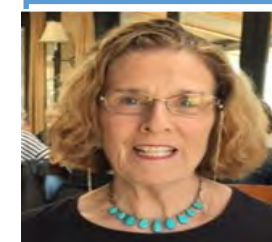
**ODDLY ENOUGH, THERE WERE ALSO STORIES OF SCAZZAMATIEDDE'S HELPFULNESS AND GOOD DEEDS! ONE WOMAN TELLS THE STORY OF HIS SUPER HUMAN HELP OFFERED TO HER AS A YOUNG GIRL. SHE WAS CHARGED WITH CLEANING THE HOUSE WHILE HER MOTHER HAD GONE SHOPPING. SCAZZAMATIEDDE CLEANED THE WHOLE HOUSE WITH ONE FELL SWOOP ALLOWING THE GIRL TO STROLL AT THE CASTLE IN HER FAVORITE DRESS WHERE SHE FOUND A HANDSOME YOUNG MAN WHO SHE LATER MARRIED.**

**ANOTHER STORY RELATES A LONELY ORPHAN BOY WHOSE PARENTS HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE SPANISH FLU. HE HAD HEARD THE STORY OF THE MISER'S SHOES. EVERY NIGHT, OUT OF FEAR, THE BOY LEFT HIS ONLY PAIR OF SHOES, FILLED WITH PEBBLES, AT THE FRONT DOOR. THEN ONE MORNING, AMAZINGLY, HE FOUND A JUTE BAG TIED WITH A RED RIBBON CONTAINING A NEW PAIR OF SHOES CONTAINING GOLD PEBBLES.**

**THE LEGEND OF SCAZZAMATIEDDE SPREAD THROUGHOUT PUGLIA. SOON IT WAS LEARNED FROM OTHER NEARBY AREAS THAT GNOMES WITH SIMILAR NAMES HAD ALSO APPEARED: SCAZZAMURIDDE, MAZZEMARILLO, SCARCAGNULU – ALL FRIENDS OF HIS. SCAZZAMATIEDDE CALLED THEM HIS "BROTHERS" BECAUSE PERHAPS THEY WERE MORE THAN JUST FRIENDS BUT PERHAPS SHARED BLOOD. THEY APPEARED HERE AND THERE, IN CAVES AND RAVINES, UNDER THE MURGE, FRIGHTENING GROWN-UPS AND DELIGHTING YOUNG BOYS.**

**ONE DAY THE STORY ENDED; THE GNOMES NO LONGER APPEARED. ENVOIOUS AND JEALOUS ADULTS BEGAN TO SPREAD LIES: THE GNOMES ATE CHILDREN; THEY FRIGHTENED GIRLS. THE CHILDREN BECAME AFRAID TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES. WHEN THEY DID VENTURE OUT, THEY FILLED THEIR POCKETS WITH STONES TO THROW AT HIM. FEAR AND ANXIETY GREW IN THE CHILDREN BECAUSE ADULTS SOWED SEEDS OF DISCORD AND REVENGE.**

**VENGEFUL ADULTS DECLARED SCAZZAMATIEDDE DEAD; BUT HE IS STILL THERE, AND SOONER OR LATER HE WILL COME BACK, LIKELY WITH HIS "BROTHERS". FOR YOU SEE, IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH. SO CHILDREN ARE TOLD NOT TO BE AFRAID BUT TO PUT A FEW SMALL PEBBLES IN THEIR SHOES EACH NIGHT.**



"I CONTINUE TO WRITE INTEREST STORIES ABOUT PANNI AND OTHER MEMBER'S TIES TO OUR "HOMETOWN". I HAVE RETURNED TO PANNI MANY TIMES AND DEVELOPED

A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH MY RELATIVES THAT HAS GREATLY ENHANCED MY LIFE. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY PHONE OR EMAIL FOR A FUTURE MEMBER STORY THEN CONTACT ME, DIANE AT (401) 683-4378 OR EMAIL ME AT : DIANEMCCAFFREYNEWPORT@GMAIL.COM"