

**PRESS RELEASE FROM
LEGISLATOR LESLIE KENNEDY.**



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LESLIE KENNEDY HONORED BY SONS OF ITALY GROUP



(Leslie Kennedy takes photo with her fellow inductees)

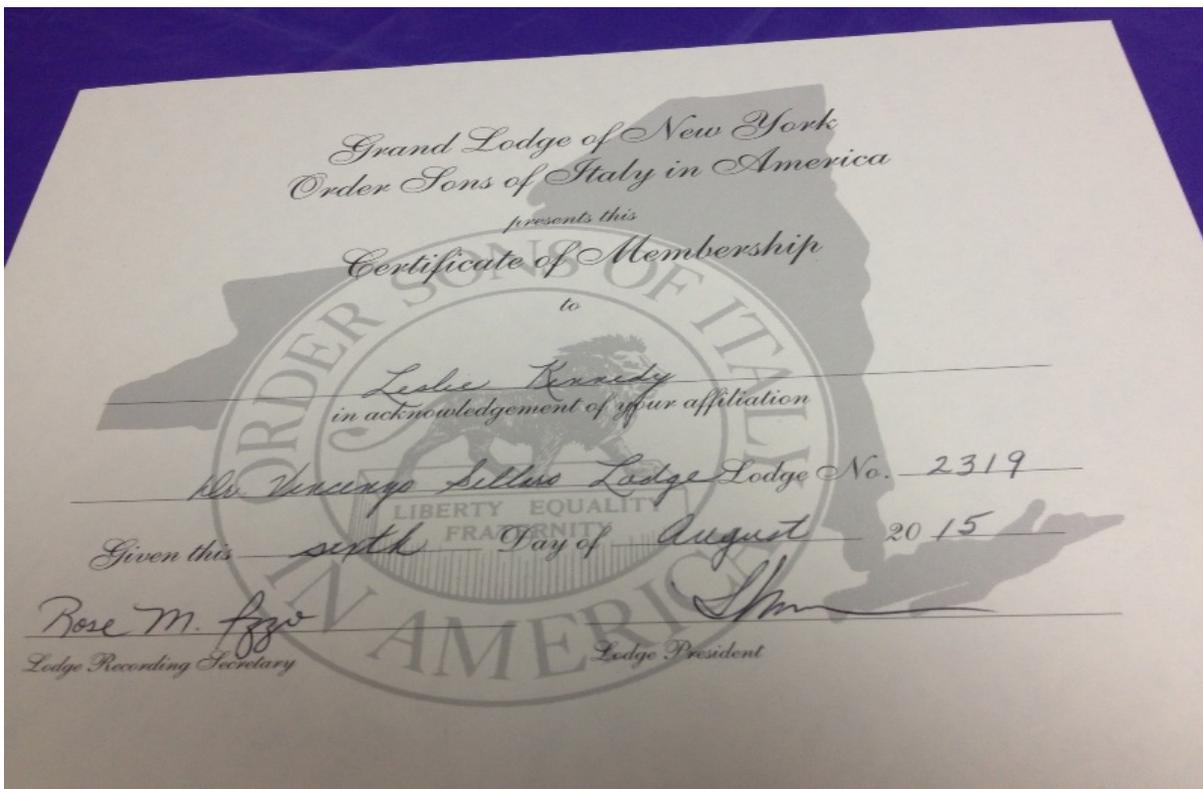
August 6, 2015 – This past Thursday Legislator Leslie Kennedy (R-Nesconset) was invited to Resurrection Byzantine Catholic Church in Smithtown, as she was honored by the renowned group the *Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA)*. This distinct cultural group inducted Leslie as an honorary member into the Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro Lodge #2319 chapter; Leslie was recognized as an Italian–American Public Servant in the community of Suffolk.

The Order of Sons of Italy in America is a national organization that has been dedicated in upholding and promoting the Italian heritage in the U.S. since 1905; it is comprised of nearly 26 million members nation-wide. The main mission of the organization is to encourage the study of the Italian language as well as the intricate history and rich culture. The chapter congratulated Leslie as she has helped to exemplify these essential principles of the overall group.

A brief induction ceremony took place at the church after which followed a small celebration dinner. Leslie was given a Certificate of Membership that acknowledged her accomplishment.

After the conclusion of the festivity, Leslie expressed her heartfelt thanks to the association: "it was my honor to be officially inducted into the Order of Sons of Italy in America! I would like to thank all of the members for giving me this opportunity to represent the Italian American community."

For more information about local activities and events taking place in the community, please contact our office at (631)-854-3735, or log on to Legislator Kennedy's webpage at <http://legis.suffolkcountyny.gov/do/do12/do12.html>.



(Leslie Kennedy's OSIA Certificate of Membership)