The 29th annual

Royal Savoy Ball

Ballo di Savoia 2026

H.R.H. Princess Maria Pia of Savoy

Saturday, December 5, 2026
The University Club
New York City

The American Foundation of Savoy Orders

is privileged to invite you to the 29th

Royal Savoy Ball

Ballo di Savoia

Under the Patronage of
H.R.H. Prince Emanuele Filiberto di Savoia
Grand Master of the Dynastic Orders of the Royal House of Savoy
Duke of Savoy, Prince of Venice, Prince of Piedmont

Ballo Chairs
H.R.H. Prince Dimitri of Yugoslavia
and
Dame Giosetta Capriati
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Saturday, December 5, 2026
The University Club
One West 54th Street, New York City

Friday, December 4
WELCOME RECEPTION
The Lotos Club, 6:00–8:00 PM
5 East 66th Street, New York City
Business attire; jacket and tie for gentlemen, cocktail dresses for ladies

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Saturday, December 5
AMERICAN DELEGATION INVESTITURE CEREMONY
Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 1:00–2:30 PM
631 Fifth Avenue, New York City
Dark suits for ladies and gentlemen

ROYAL SAVOY BALL GALA RECEPTION
AND DINNER DANCE
The University Club
One West 54th Street, New York City
Reception 7:00 PM; Dinner 8:00 PM
Gala tickets include Exemplar Luxury Group afterparty at the University Club, beginning at 10:00 PM and featuring celebrity DJ Mad Marj
White tie or black tie; orders and decorations; long formal gowns for ladies
Tickets are limited. Please return the gala reservation form or reserve online by November 25, 2026, at www.ticketstripe.com/Royalsavoyball2026

Sunday, December 6
PROCESSION AND MASS
Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:15 AM
631 Fifth Avenue, New York City
Dark suits for ladies and gentlemen

FOR MORE THAN A THOUSAND YEARS, the Royal House of Savoy has upheld a distinguished tradition of sovereignty, chivalry, and service. Its origins date to 1003, when Count Umberto I established the dynasty in the Alpine territories of present-day France, Italy, and Switzerland. Over the centuries, the Savoys rose from counts to dukes and kings, becoming one of Europe's oldest royal dynasties.

During the nineteenth century, the House of Savoy played a central role in the movement for Italian unification. In 1861, Victor Emmanuel II became the first king of the newly proclaimed Kingdom of Italy. The dynasty continued to reign until Italy became a republic in 1946.

Throughout its history, the House of Savoy developed traditions of knighthood and merit dedicated to service, charity, and civic responsibility. Today, these traditions continue under H.R.H. Prince Emanuele Filiberto, Duke of Savoy, hereditary Grand Master of the Dynastic Orders, including the Supreme Order of the Most Holy Annunciation and the Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus.

Rooted in centuries of Christian chivalric tradition, the Savoy Orders unite Knights and Dames in humanitarian service, charitable works, education, cultural initiatives, and assistance to the sick, poor, and vulnerable.

Established in 1993 and headquartered in New York City, the *American Foundation of Savoy Orders* is a U.S. tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charity that supports medical, educational, and humanitarian relief. Through the *American Delegation of Savoy Orders*, it carries forward the centuries-old hospitaller and chivalric traditions of the Royal House of Savoy under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Emanuele Filiberto di Savoia.

Its *Savoy Orders Pigott Scholarships* assist college and graduate students in the arts, humanities, and international studies, while the *Savoy Lecture Series* promotes understanding of Italy and the House of Savoy. Through its *Emergency Response Fund*, the *Chivalry for Children's Causes* initiatives, and the *Princess Maria Pia and Prince Victor Emanuel Fund*, the Foundation also supports hospitals, hospice care, disaster relief, and organizations serving children.

The Royal Savoy Ball 2026

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THE AMERICAN DELEGATION OF SAVOY ORDERS
cordially invites the members and friends
of the Savoy Orders to attend an

INVESTITURE AND MASS
for the Knights and Dames of the
Dynastic Orders of the Royal House of Savoy
Saturday, December 5, 2026, 1:00—2:30 PM
Cathedral of Saint Patrick
631 Fifth Avenue (between 50th and 51st Streets)
New York City

New members and members receiving promotions should meet
at 12 noon in the Parish House
14 East 51st Street, between Fifth and Madison Avenues
Church robes and business attire

PROCESSION AND SOLEMN MASS
of the Knights and Dames of the Savoy Orders
Sunday, December 6, 2026, 10:15 AM
Members: meet at the Parish House at 9:30 AM
Guests: arrive at the Cathedral by 9:45 AM
Cathedral of Saint Patrick
631 Fifth Avenue (between 50th and 51st Streets)
New York City

Members please meet at the Parish House
14 East 51st Street, between Fifth and Madison Avenues
Members: church robes and business attire
Guests: dark suits for ladies and gentlemen

Please reply to Joseph Lucia at jlucia@savoyorders.org by December 1, 2026, indicating whether you will attend Saturday, Sunday, or both

AMERICAN DELEGATION OF SAVOY ORDERS

Honors Presented 2026

THE ORDER OF MERIT OF SAVOY

Admitted as Cavaliere
Cav. David Bach

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Uff. Dott. Samuel J. Tinaglia, Sr. †

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† *Presented on September 26, 2026, in Turin, Italy*

The Princess Maria Pia and Prince Victor Emanuel Fund

H.R.H. Prince Emanuele Filiberto di Savoia and H.R.H. Prince Dimitri of Yugoslavia are pleased to announce the **Princess Maria Pia and Prince Victor Emanuel Fund**, an endowment established to advance *Chivalry for Children's Causes*™.

The endowment will fund grants to charitable organizations serving disadvantaged, orphaned, and vulnerable children. Contributions may be designated specifically to the Princess Maria Pia and Prince Victor Emanuel Fund through the American Foundation of Savoy Orders.

Named in tribute to H.R.H. Princess Maria Pia of Savoy and her brother, H.R.H. Prince Victor Emanuel, the Fund is inspired by a family tradition of compassion and service dating to the closing years of the Second World War.

At the Quirinal Palace, their father, the future King Umberto II, welcomed approximately forty children who had been orphaned or severely wounded by the war. Princess Maria Pia and her brother helped care for the children, who lived alongside the Royal Family until the war's end.

Princess Maria Pia never forgot these young survivors. She remembered their courage and capacity for joy despite the hardships they had endured. She and her brother played with them daily and helped children with limited mobility enjoy the palace gardens in a small carriage drawn by a donkey. Among them was a blind boy named Vittorio, who formed a special bond with the young Princess and often held her hand.

The experience became an enduring lesson in humanity, courage, and compassion. Her example profoundly influenced her son, H.R.H. Prince Dimitri of Yugoslavia, inspiring his longstanding philanthropic commitment to disadvantaged children and young people.

The Fund carries this personal legacy forward through the American Foundation of Savoy Orders, a New York-based U.S. tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Rooted in the centuries-old Christian and hospitaller traditions of the Savoy Orders, the Fund transforms a family legacy of service into an enduring commitment to bring compassion, opportunity, and hope to children in need.

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WELCOME RECEPTION at the LOTOS CLUB—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2026

☐ $300 Per Person N° of Persons: _____ Total: $_____

BALLO DI SAVOIA GALA DINNER DANCE—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

Gala tickets include the Saturday reception, dinner, dancing, and afterparty.

☐ $35,000 **Platinum Sponsor**—Table of 10 N° of Tables: _____ Total: $_____
(Includes 10 Welcome Reception tickets, 2 full-page color ads)

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(Includes 1 Welcome Reception ticket, program listing)

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(Includes program listing)

☐ $850 Individual Ticket N° of Tickets: _____ Total: $_____

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☐ $500 Members of the Clergy N° of Tickets: _____ Total: $_____

Grand total, including additional Friday Welcome Reception tickets: $_____

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Or please make check payable to American Foundation of Savoy Orders, Inc.

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Event questions to Carole Bellidora: carole@carolebellidora.com
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