



## *Hackensack Chapter*

**The Largest Italian-American Service Organization in the United States**

**“Service Above Self”**

**P.O BOX 1527 - SOUTH HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY 07606**

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Dear Unicans and Friends,

The Hackensack Chapter of UNICO National, in its ongoing endeavor to uphold the principles of “Service Above Self”, and to fulfill its commitments to worthwhile charities, will once again sponsor its annual “CITIZEN OF THE YEAR” award dinner. This year, the 65<sup>th</sup> year of this special event, the Hackensack Chapter of UNICO National will honor CAVALIERE DINO CLEMENTE as its recipient. On Sunday, APRIL 27, 2025, the presentation of the award will take place at the GRAYCLIFF, Moonachie Ave, Moonachie, New Jersey. The festivities will begin with a cocktail hour at 4:30 P.M., followed by dinner and music for your dancing pleasure.

Dino was born in Altamura, a province of Bari, the eldest of six children. In 1972, while serving in the Italian Air Force, he married his wife, Anna De Nora. After his discharge from the Air Force in 1974, he and his wife emigrated to America. He immediately went to work in his brother-in-law’s bakery.

After a year, he became a partner in the business, and then in the following year, he took over the business when his in-laws returned to Italy. He then set his sights on expanding. As business grew, he brought more family to America to work in the family business.

In 1978, he opened a second bakery. Again, as business continued to grow, he opened a third, and then a fourth bakery, with his family as his main workforce.

By 1987, now a very successful businessman, Dino created his masterpiece in South Hackensack, *Clemente’s Bakery*. Here, along with more than 25 employees, he manages and operates his warehouse production with the most sophisticated and automated equipment available.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Dino takes immense pride in his family. Married to Anna for 51 years, they are the proud parents of five: Vincenzo, Maddalena, Maria, Giulia, and Dino Jr. They are also the proud grandparents of five. Dino’s dedication to family reflects his commitment to building a strong and prosperous community for generations to come. The members of Hackensack UNICO take great pride in honoring him!

Understandably there will be a limited number of seats available for this occasion; therefore, we suggest reservations be made early in order to avoid any disappointment. In conjunction with this dinner, a Souvenir Journal will be prepared to allow family and friends to express their personal congratulations to DINO. See attached form for ticket and ad information.

Sincerely,

**MICHAEL D’ARMINIO JR.**  
**GENERAL CHAIRMAN**

**MARIA-ROSE CONTINI**  
**CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

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**CO-CHAIRMAN**