

Italo-American Society of Scotch Plains

The Italo-American Mutual Benefit Laborers' Society was organized by Montazzolesi immigrants. Incorporated on October 22, 1930, it is the merger of two earlier associations: the Duke of Abruzzi Society (1905) and the Prince Humbert Society (1910). Original charter members were: responsible agent Donato Checchia, and trustees Tommaso Donatelli, Alfonso Checchia, Ercole Sorge, Mauro Checchia, Alfonso D'Addamio, Nicola Novello, Mauro Novello, and Joseph Caprarola.

The formation of the Italian-American Mutual Benefit Society was truly a form of social "security" for the community. Male members, in good standing, were given a weekly cash payment if they became ill and unable to work. By doing so, members helped each other through difficult times. In some instances, widows of members were also given a lump sum in order to help defray funeral expenses.

Past Presidents were: Philip DeNizo, Donato DiCuollo, Felix Iaione, Nick Novello, Alfonso Checchia, Paul DiFrancesco, Tony and John Di Quollo, Thomas Perrucci, Rocco Di Nizo, Nick Barattucci.