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**Universal Freemasonry – Grand Orient of Italy,
Giustiniani Palace.**



**Worshipful Lodge n. 1257
Orient of PADOVA**

**14th International Meeting of Garibaldi Lodges
Worldwide**

20th – 21th November 2026

Padova, 4th of May 2026

Dear Brethren,

the W ∴ L ∴ Garibaldi n. 1257, in the Orient of Padua, belonging to the Grand Orient of Italy, is thrilled to announce that the

14th International Meeting of the Giuseppe Garibaldi Lodges
Will take place in Padua, the 20th and the 21st of November 2026.

This Meeting is intended not to celebrate a myth, but to study the man who was able to embody the three great Ideals that form the foundation of our Masonic Institution:

- **Freedom**, which he defended sword in hand, from Latin America to Trentino;
- **Equality**, proclaiming the end of all dynastic and clerical privilege;
- **Brotherhood**, dreaming of a “Giovine Italia” (the 19th-century movement founded by Giuseppe Mazzini), that would be part of a borderless “Young Europe.”



14th International Meeting of Garibaldi Lodges

PROGRAMME – PADUA, ITALY

FRIDAY, 20th of November 2026

- 14:30** Participant registration.
- 17:00** 14th World Conference of the Worshipful Garibaldi Lodges 2026, “Garibaldi in Caprera.”
Net Tower Hotel Conference Hall, Via San Marco 11 – Padua.
- 17:30** Official opening, institutional greetings, and presentations by speakers, scholars, secular academics, and Brethren on the theme:
- Dr. Virmar Cusenza: *The Other Garibaldi – The Diaries of Caprera*;
 - Dr. Mario De Simone: *Garibaldi’s Testament: What remains today in a world that has betrayed many of his dreams and values.*
- 19:00** Welcome cocktail at the Net Center Hotel

Saturday, 21st of November 2026

- 10:00-13:00** Guided tour of the Historic Centre of Padua (visit to the Palazzo della Ragione, the Council Halls of particular artistic interest, etc.)
- 16:00-18:00** Ritual Meeting in the Entered Apprentice Degree (Meeting Room of the Net Center Hotel)
- 19:30** Gala Dinner held at “Caffè Pedrocchi”
- 24:00** Conclusion of the 14th International Conference of the Garibaldi Lodges

Sunday, 22nd of November 2026

Free day; participants to make their own arrangements.

PADUA, WHERE RATIONALITY MEETS BEAUTY

Padua, a city symbolic of the Veneto, welcomes you to this Meeting with its unique heritage of rationality and beauty. Renowned for its University founded in 1222 — among the oldest in the world — it is the place where Galileo Galilei taught and where Europe's first permanent Anatomical Theatre stands, a symbol of free thought and the scientific method.

In the medieval city center the “*Doorless Café*” can be found, the historic Caffè Pedrocchi, created to welcome everyone into an elegant and exclusive setting, alongside the adjacent Piazza delle Erbe and Piazza della Frutta, the beating heart of city life. The Scrovegni Chapel houses Giotto's fresco cycle, an absolute masterpiece of medieval art, while the Basilica of Saint Anthony (Sant'Antonio da Padova) draws daily pilgrimages from around the world. We look forward to sharing ideas with you, in a city that has always taught how to "know" and to "think".

USEFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION

- Official Tourism of Padua — Main website with maps, itineraries, events, and tickets:

<https://www.turismopadova.it/en/>

- Scrovegni Chapel (with Giotto's frescoes):

<https://www.cappelladegliscrovegni.it/index.php/en/>

- Basilica of Saint Anthony of Padua:

<https://www.santantonio.org/en/>

- Botanical Garden of Padua — a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the oldest university botanical garden in the world:

<https://www.ortobotanicopd.it/en/>