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## The Five Families (New York City):

- **Maranzano (Later Bonanno) –**

**Boss: Salvatore Maranzano –** Salvatore

Maranzano was an organized crime figure from the town of Castellammare del Golfo, Sicily, and an early Cosa Nostra boss who led what later would become the Bonanno crime family in the United States. He instigated the Castellammarese War to seize control of the American Mafia operations and briefly became the Mafia's capo di tutti capi ("boss of all bosses").

**Consigliere: Frank Italiano –** Frank Italiano, an early member of Maranzano's gang was his first and only Consigliere, who helped him throughout the Castellammarese War, as well as during his time under Don Cascioferro.

- **Profaci (Later Colombo) –**

**Boss: Joseph Profaci –** Giuseppe "Joe" Profaci was a New York City La Cosa Nostra boss who was the founder of what is today known as the Colombo crime family. Established in 1928, this was the last of the Five Families to be organized. He was the family's boss for over three decades. By 1930, Profaci was controlling numbers, prostitution, loansharking, and narcotics trafficking in Brooklyn. In 1930, the Castellammarese War broke out in New York City. Some sources say that Profaci remained neutral, while others say that Profaci was firmly aligned with Castellammarese boss Salvatore Maranzano. When the war finally ended in 1931, top mobster Charles "Lucky" Luciano reorganized the New York gangs into five organized crime families. At this point, Profaci was recognized as boss of what was



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now the Profaci crime family, with Magliocco as underboss and Salvatore Profaci as consigliere.

**Consigliere: Salvatore Profaci** – Salvatore Profaci was Joseph Profaci's brother, who was the highly influential consigliere of the family. He was the main reason for Joseph's rigidity in maintaining power and the strict family policy.

- **Mangano (Later Gambino) –**

**Boss: Vincent "The Executioner" Mangano**

– Vincent Mangano, born Vincenzo Giovanni Mangano, also known as "The Executioner" as he was named in a Brooklyn newspaper, was the head of what would come to be known as the Gambino crime family from 1931 to 1951. His brother, Philip Mangano, was his right-hand man and de facto, or substituto, underboss. He is also a distant paternal relative of deceased Genovese crime family underboss Venero Mangano and a suspected relative of Lawrence Mangano.

**Consigliere: Philip "Phil" Mangano** – Philip "Phil"

Mangano was a Caporegime and second Consigliere in the Gambino crime family in New York City and reigned Consigliere for 20 years (1931 - 1951) when his brother, Vincent, was boss.

- **Luciano (Later Genovese) –**

**Boss: Charles "Lucky" Luciano** – Charles "Lucky"

Luciano was an Italian-born mobster and crime boss who operated mainly in the United States. Luciano is considered the father of modern organized crime in the United States for the establishment of the first Commission. He was also the first official boss of the modern Genovese crime family. He was, along with



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his associates, instrumental in the development of the National Crime Syndicate.

## Consigliere: Frank Costello – Frank "the Prime

Minister" Costello was an Italian-American Mafia gangster and crime boss. Costello rose to the top of American organized crime, controlled a vast gambling empire, and enjoyed political influence. Nicknamed "The Prime Minister of the Underworld," he became one of the most powerful and influential mafia bosses in American history, eventually leading the Luciano crime family (later called the Genovese crime family), one of the Five Families that operates in New York City. In 1931, after the Masseria murder, Luciano became the leader of the new Luciano crime family, with Genovese as underboss and Costello as consigliere. Costello quickly became one of the biggest earners for the Luciano family and began to carve his own niche in the underworld. Costello controlled the slot machine and bookmaking operations for the family with associate Philip "Dandy Phil" Kastel. Costello placed approximately 25,000 slot machines in the bars, restaurants, cafes, drug stores, gas stations, and bus stops throughout New York.

- **Gagliano (Later Lucchese) –**

## Boss: Tommaso "Tommy" Gagliano –

Tommaso "Tommy" Gagliano was an American mobster and boss of what U.S. federal authorities would later designate as the Lucchese crime family, one of the "Five Families" of New York City. He served as a low-profile boss for over two decades. His successor was his longtime loyalist and underboss, Gaetano "Tommy" Lucchese.

## Consigliere: Stefano "Steve" Rondelli –

Stefano Rondelli was a highly influential Mafioso, whose roots in the mafia world can be traced back to the Reina family, where



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he started as a soldier under Gaetano “Tommy” Reina, who was Gagliano's predecessor.

## Buffalo:

- Buffalo (Magaddino) Crime Family –

**Boss: Stefano “The Undertaker”**

**Magaddino** – In the Prohibition Era, Magaddino's western New York crime family was ideally positioned to control the flow of illegal liquor into the U.S. from Canada. Bootlegging dollars greatly enhanced Magaddino's wealth and influence. Magaddino traveled throughout the U.S. and became well known in Buffalo in the early 1920s, as local Mafia boss Giuseppe DiCarlo was forced by declining health into retirement. Upon DiCarlo's death in the summer of 1922, Magaddino was chosen as his successor. A war between Mafia factions erupted, as Masseria was opposed in New York by forces led by Magaddino ally Salvatore Maranzano. Treachery in the Masseria camp led to Joe the Boss's assassination in spring 1931.

**Consigliere:** Unfortunately, not enough information is available about Magaddino's consigliere, but what is known is that magaddino was highly secretive about his top administrators to protect them from attacks by rival families. The consigliere was his most trusted member.

## New Jersey:

- Elizabeth (Later DeCavalcante) Crime Family –



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**Boss: Stefano Badami** – Stefano Badami was the first boss of the Elizabeth crime family. Badami controlled the family from Elizabeth, New Jersey. Stefano "Steve" Badami became the boss of the Elizabeth-Newark family; however, his reign proved to be very disruptive, as members of the Newark and the Elizabeth factions began fighting for total control of New Jersey.

**Consigliere:** Although, there is not enough information available on the consigliere of the Elizabeth Crime Family, it is known that he played a very important role in making family decisions and had a wide array of contacts.

## Chicago:

- **The Chicago Outfit –**

**Boss: Al "Scarface" Capone** – In his early twenties, Al Capone moved to Chicago and became a bodyguard and trusted factotum for Johnny Torrio, head of a criminal syndicate that illegally supplied alcohol—the forerunner of the Outfit—and was politically protected through the Unione Siciliana. A conflict with the North Side Gang was instrumental in Capone's rise and fall. Torrio went into retirement after North Side gunmen almost killed him, handing control to Capone. His wealth in 1927 was estimated at close to \$100 million. The most notorious of the bloodlettings was the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, in which seven members of Bugs Moran's gang were machine-gunned in a garage on Chicago's North Side on February 14, 1929. Also in 1929, Capone served some 10 months in Holmesburg Prison, in Philadelphia, after being convicted of possessing a concealed handgun.



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**Consigliere: Charles “Trigger Happy”**

**Fischetti** – Fischetti started his career as his cousin, Al Capone's chauffeur in South Brooklyn. In the 1920s, he helped Capone spread his business in Cicero, Illinois. Fischetti attended the 1946 Havana Conference of Cosa Nostra leaders and received the "murder contract" on Bugsy Siegel.[citation needed] Fischetti was also good friends with singers Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin, the former as early as the 1940s.

**Pennsylvania:**

- **Philadelphia Crime Family –**

**Boss: Salvatore Sabella** – Salvatore Sabella was the boss of the Philadelphia Mafia and was related to Stefano Magaddino, the boss of the buffalo family. His brother Dominick Sabella was a member of the Brooklyn based Castellammare organization under Cola Schiro and later Salvatore Maranzano. Salvatore Sabella is credited with being the first Black Hand mafioso in the 'City of Brotherly Love'. During the Castellammarese war he backed Salvatore Maranzano in his fight against Joe Masseria. In 1929, having returned to the United States, Sabella temporarily relocated to New York with nine gunmen to fight for Maranzano. On April 15, 1931, the war ended with the murder of Masseria. At this time, Sabella returned to Philadelphia and resumed control of his family.

**Consigliere: Giuseppe “Joseph” Ida** – Ida was the highly influential consigliere of the Philadelphia family, who later took over control of the family, succeeding Sabella.

**Detroit:**



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- Detroit Partnership –

**Boss: Guglielmo “Black Bill” Tocco** – Upon Tocco's return to Detroit from the war he joined his cousin and life long friend Giuseppe Zerilli and Angelo Meli "a tough Eastside gunman," in pledging allegiance to the Gianolla brothers kings of the Italian underworld in Detroit from 1913-1919. Virtually illiterate in terms of formal education, young Guglielmo Tocco jumped headlong into bootlegging and liquor smuggling under the direction of the Gianolla brothers. Tocco's February 10, 1931 arrest three days after the murder of Chester LaMare inside of his Grandville Avenue home was the 5th detention and second for investigation of murder in his criminal career. Police arrested Tocco and Zerilli after receiving information that the fearsome pairing were the prime factors in the decision of LaMare's bodyguards to kill him as retribution to the murder of Gaspar Milazzo and his bodyguard at the Vernor Highway Fish Market eight months earlier.

**Consigliere: Angelo Meli** – Angelo Meli was a Detroit, Michigan mobster who became a consigliere and then leading Chairman of the Detroit Partnership criminal organization of La Cosa Nostra. As a youth, Meli's family immigrated to Detroit. In the early 1920s, Meli, Leo Cellura, and Chester LaMare opened the Venice Cafe in Detroit. The Meli Boys excelled in extorting brothels, gambling houses and bootlegging operations. With Meli's assistance, LaMare soon dominated crime in that city. It required an effort by state investigators on recommendations from Michigan Governor, Alex Groesbeck to smash the organization. Thirty-one criminals were convicted of liquor law violations. Meli escaped the crackdown and entered into an agreement with Salvatore Catalanotte, boss of Detroit's Unione Siciliane. With Catalanotte's support, Meli formed the Eastside Mob with top aides Leo Cellura, William Tocco, and Joseph Zerilli.





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Catalanotte was instrumental in establishing the partnership between the Eastside Mob and the River Gang and other Jewish groups. After Catalanotte's death in 1930, LaMare began raiding Meli-controlled speakeasies, and liquor storage houses. Meli responded by ordering LaMare's murder, which happened on February 6, 1931. After LaMare's murder, Meli oversaw the merger of Detroit's various mob factions into what later became the Detroit Partnership.

## Sicily (Cosa Nostra):

- Greco Mafia Clan (Ciaculli) –

**BOSS:** The Boss of the Greco Mafia Clan is usually considered the most ruthless and untouchable Mafioso in Sicily. He had contacts all around the world.

**Consigliere:** The Consigliere of the Greco Mafia Clan consolidated the fear and the influence of the family by conquests against the Camorra and the 'Ndrangheta.

- Catania Mafia Clan

**BOSS:** The Boss of the Catania Mafia Clan ruled over the province of Catania. He was hardly affected by Mori.

**Consigliere:** He was one of the most influential consiglieres in the whole of Sicily.

- Corleonesi Mafia Clan

**BOSS:** The Boss of the Corleonesi Clan undertook several murder and kidnapping operations during Mori's invasion.



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**Consigliere:** He was one of the most influential consiglieres in the whole of Sicily, having spread terror among the Italian government during their offensive.

- **Bontade Mafia Clan**

**BOSS:** He spread the mafia before the Fascist sweep and kept it alive during the suppression.

**Consigliere:** He was one of the most influential consiglieres in the whole of Sicily.

- **Inzerillo Mafia Clan**

**BOSS:** He got the influence he deserved much later, but kept the mafia alive during the fascist sweep.

**Consigliere:** He helped the boss keep the mafia alive, not only in Sicily, but also in Calabria.

Observers (Corrupt local Italian-American Politicians and Businessmen with links to the Mafia):

- **Fiorello Henry LaGuardia** – Fiorello Henry La Guardia was an American politician. He is best known for being the 99th Mayor of New York City for three terms from 1934 to 1945 as a Republican. Previously he had been elected to Congress in 1916 and 1918, and again from 1922 through 1930. Irascible, energetic, and charismatic, he craved publicity and is acclaimed as one of the greatest mayors in American history.[3] Only five feet, two inches (1.57 m) tall, he was called "the Little Flower" (Fiorello is Italian for "little flower").



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- **Meade Esposito** – Amadeo Henry "Meade" Esposito was an American politician who was a Brooklyn Democratic leader and political boss. He was known to have maintained excellent relations with the Luciano family, having helped them get out of trouble several times.
- **Thomas D'Alesandro Jr.** – Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro Jr. was an American politician who was a U.S. Representative from Maryland's 3rd congressional district (1939–47) and subsequently the mayor of Baltimore, Maryland (1947–59). A Democrat, D'Alesandro served as a member of the Maryland State House of Delegates from 1926 to 1933.
- **Vito Marcantonio** – Vito Anthony Marcantonio was an Italian-American lawyer and socialist politician. Originally a member of the Republican Party and a supporter of Fiorello LaGuardia, he switched to the American Labor Party. In 1924, he became campaign manager for the congressional campaign of Fiorello La Guardia, then a Progressive-Socialist. Together, LaGuardia and Marcantonio also campaigned for U.S. Senator Robert M. La Follette for U.S. President. From 1930 to 1931, he worked as an assistant United States attorney.
- **Almerindo Portfolio** – Almerindo Portfolio, was treasurer of New York City under Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia. He was an immigrant from Schiavi di Abruzzo, Italy in 1888. In 1908 he legally changed his name from Almerindo Porfilio. Portfolio rose from a \$2-a-week messenger to the presidency of the Bank of Sicily in New York and the head of a cloak & suit company, that in 1924 he gifted to six employees. He also worked as a newspaper publisher, commodity trader, and investment banker.



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- **Angelo Joseph Rossi** – Angelo Joseph Rossi was a U.S. political figure who served as the 31st mayor of San Francisco. He was the first mayor of 100% Italian descent of a major U.S. city (top 10 most populous U.S. cities between 1776 and 1931). He was first appointed mayor when mayor James Rolph resigned to become Governor of California in January, 1931. After completing the remaining year of Rolph's term, Rossi was elected in his own right as mayor in November 1931.

Freeze Date of Committee – 1st May, 1931.

Location of Committee – To be disclosed on the first day of the conference.