

# RESTORATION RECORD



This issue brings you news regarding the completion of the historic Long Walk at Trinity College and the 2nd year of Fort Jefferson's exterior restoration and stabilization, beginning this fall. Also highlighted are projects currently in progress and the recognition of Joseph Gnazzo Company, Inc. as a STEP Platinum award winner.



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## Trinity College Long Walk Restoration Complete

In August, the Joseph Gnazzo Company, Inc. joined Trinity College in Hartford, CT in celebrating the completion of the two-year, nearly \$33 Million renovation of the historic Long Walk. The 81,000 SF brownstone structure was designed by English architect William Burges, in the High Victorian Collegiate Gothic style and was originally constructed between the late 1870s and early 1880s. The Long Walk is home to suite-style residence hall rooms, classrooms and administrative spaces. The restoration project included extensive renovations and upgrades to both the interior and exterior, including new roofs, windows and masonry. Joseph Gnazzo Company, Inc. workers completed the exterior stone masonry restoration, which included pointing, caulking, stonework, cleaning, and repair. Smith Edwards, of Hartford, was the restoration architect for this project, and Consigli Construction, Co., based in Milford, MA was the construction manager.

For more information on the Long Walk restoration, please contact Bruce Panico at 860-684-2334.

## Joseph Gnazzo Company Wins STEP Platinum Award

For the second year in a row, Joseph Gnazzo Company, Inc. was a recipient of the 2008 Safety Training and Evaluation Process (STEP) award, presented by the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC). This national award recognizes the company's ongoing efforts to maintain outstanding levels of safety programs, policies and procedures. The STEP program was developed and written by contractors, for contractors and offers an organized approach for analyzing and developing safety and loss prevention programs and a valid, objective method for measuring safety program improvements. The Connecticut chapter of ABC presented Joseph Gnazzo Company, Inc. with the Platinum level award at its 1st Annual Safety and Education Dinner, which highlighted safety and training programs, on June 5th at the Rocky Hill Marriott.



Michael Gnazzo, General Manager of Joseph Gnazzo Company, Inc., receives the 2008 STEP Platinum Award from Patricia Torres-Lewis, Education Director for the CT Chapter of ABC.



*Arial view of Fort Jefferson in Dry Tortugas, FL*

## Preservation Work at Fort Jefferson Continues

Located in the Dry Tortugas National Park, historic Fort Jefferson is America's largest 19th-century coastal fort, and the largest brick structure in the Western Hemisphere. This fall, the Joseph Gnazzo Company, Inc. will begin the second phase of the exterior preservation of this historic structure, located on a remote island just 70 miles west of Key West, FL. Originally constructed in the mid 1800s to protect Gulf of Mexico shipping lanes, Fort Jefferson was "an outstanding example of 19th century masonry fortification," and used as a military prison during the Civil War. Now, a multi-phased, multi-year preservation effort is underway to stabilize it, as the salty sea air and tropical climate have taken their toll on the structure. The preservation effort began in response to substantial structural damage to the walls of the fort, caused by rusting iron shutters that, though designed to protect the soldiers once stationed there, are now expanding and causing the brick to push apart.

Brick surrounding the cannon openings will be removed, documented, cleaned and eventually reused. Once the brick is out of the way, rusted iron from the shutters will be removed, and the fort's walls will be repaired and fortified, and the iron shutters will be replaced with a non-corrosive replica. Joseph Gnazzo Company, Inc. masons work in alternating two-week shifts to complete demolition and stabilization work, which includes brick replacement, re-pointing, cast iron removal, and iron shutter component replacement. Careful attention is paid to safety and logistics, due to the isolation of the island. The project is expected to be completed by 2010. The general contractor for this work is Enola Contracting Services, Inc. of Chipley, FL.

*For more information on the Fort Jefferson preservation work, please contact Michael Gnazzo, Project Manager at 860-684-2334.*

## Projects In Progress & Recently Completed

**Fort Jefferson,  
Dry Tortugas, FL**

**United Way,  
Hartford, CT**

**University Hall,  
Brown University,  
Providence, RI**

**Torrington Library,  
Torrington, CT**

**Travelers Insurance,  
Grove Street Building,  
Hartford, CT**

**Rollins Chapel,  
Dartmouth College,  
Hanover, NH**

**Building #50,  
Massachusetts Institute  
of Technology,  
Cambridge, MA**

**Sacred Heart St. Francis  
de Sales Church,  
Bennington, VT**