San Marino's Lion Statuette by GREG BALAGIAN

Italian architect, Francesco Azzuri (1831-1901), designed the Palazzo Publico, or Town Hall in the city-state of San Marino. This seat of government was built between 1884 and 1894.

The interior of the palace is lavishly decorated in marble with many beautiful statues and other decorations throughout the building.

In 2019 San Marino issued a miniature sheet of two stamps commemorating the 125th anniversary of the opening of Palazzo Publico (Scott 2058a-b).

One of the stamps (Scott 2058b) depicts the foyer and staircase with decorative baluster finial in a form of a lion statuette holding a shield depicting the three towers in the arms of San Marino.



The lion finial (circled) in San Marino's Town Hall is on a 2019 stamp (Scott 2058b) and is enlarged below.

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