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A CENTURY OF SERVICE
Clients • Employees • Community



#### Humble Beginnings

The Sordoni story began in 1910, when Andrew J. Sordoni started a business with a team of borrowed horses, a second-hand harness, and two wagons. He hauled coal, removed ashes, and dug cellars by hand.

Through hard work and meticulous attention to quality, Sordoni quickly became known as an honest, capable contractor. The company specialized in residential work, but word quickly spread, staff was hired, and capabilities expanded.

By the end of the decade, Sordoni had developed an expertise in power line construction, providing the infrastructure for electricity throughout the region.





#### Establishing a Reputation

The 1920's was a decade of rapid growth. From modest beginnings just ten years earlier, the company was now well-established and grew in expertise, equipment and employees. The company added to its Line Division by establishing a Building Division to handle larger, commercial structures.

Sordoni added a registered architect and engineers to strengthen its Building Division. Kingston High School was the company's first major commercial project to be constructed.

In 1926, Andrew J. Sordoni was elected the Pennsylvania State Senate, further expanding the company's presence through the Commonwealth. Mr. Sordoni became known as "The Senator", a reference that lasted throughout his lifetime.



#### Managing Tough Times

During the difficult era of the Great Depression, the company continued to be entrepreneurial and resumed some of the labor intensive tasks of its earlier years. Building projects were few and far between, so trucks were modified to haul coal and manure from the mines. Sordoni managed to keep most of its employees on the payroll and forged permanent commitments between the company and its personnel.

In the second half of the decade, an upswing in college and hospital construction enabled Sordoni to refine its expertise in the institutional sector. Significant projects were completed for the Wilkes-Barre YMCA, Moses Taylor Hospital, Bucknell University, College Misericordia, and Mansfield and Bloomsburg Teachers Colleges.



## Setting a Foundation for Growth

With the advent of the Second World War, manpower and equipment were required to support the war effort. Sordoni was busy with major construction projects in Middletown, Pennsylvania and Aberdeen, Maryland.

In 1946, the Senator's son, Andrew J. "Jack" Sordoni, Jr., returned home from war and joined the company. With a business acumen and drive similar to his father's, Jack was instrumental in setting the future direction of management and growth.

Sordoni grew its expertise, scope and client list to include companies of national reputation, including DuPont, Bethlehem Steel, BFGoodrich, F. W. Woolworth Co., and Pittsburgh Corning.



# Expanding Capabilities and Geography

The post-war boom fueled significant corporate growth in America. Sordoni's reputation and visibility continued to grow, and most of the company's work focused on large industrial projects.

Sordoni became known for strict adherence to schedules and budgets. The company utilized an automated punch card system for accounting and cost reports on jobs in progress.

Seven projects totaling nearly a million square feet were completed for IBM in New York State. Other significant clients of the decade included Metropolitan Edison, Vanadium Corp., Foster Wheeler, and Eberhard Faber.



#### Transitioning Leadership

In 1960, Sordoni celebrated its 50th anniversary with an optimistic outlook for the years ahead. Unfortunately, the Senator passed away in 1963, and just four years later Jack Sordoni died unexpectedly at the age of 50. Despite the loss of the company's first two generations of leadership, the foundation for a modern organization had been built by the Senator and Jack.

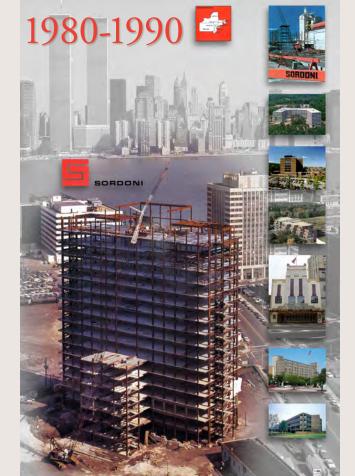
A young Andrew J. Sordoni III took over for his father, and the company's solid, experienced management team continued to run the company in terms of day to day operations. Despite two devastating blows to the company, Sordoni had the leadership to continue on and to innovate and deliver quality projects across all sectors.



#### Emerging from Turmoil

Out of the tragedy of Hurricane Agnes that thoroughly flooded the Wyoming Valley, Sordoni emerged as a new company guided by the third generation of the Sordoni family. The company's intensive involvement in flood cleanup, renovation of structures, and reconstruction of downtown Wilkes-Barre provided a tremendous challenge and unique opportunity for the new management team.

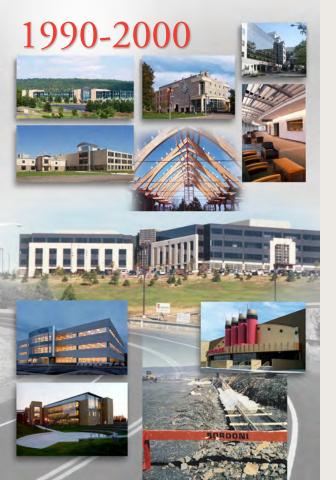
Sordoni sharpened its skills in Construction Management and leveraged this expertise into hospital construction. Projects in the latter part of the decade included major expansions of Geisinger Medical Center, Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Community Medical Center, and Nesbitt Hospital.



#### **Exploring New Markets**

By the early 1980's, Sordoni's qualifications and expertise allowed the company to expand into the rapidly developing New York Metro area. In a short time a client base was established, and Sordoni constructed world headquarters and research facilities for several global companies, including Schering-Plough, Warner-Lambert, Mobil Chemical, and PepsiCo.

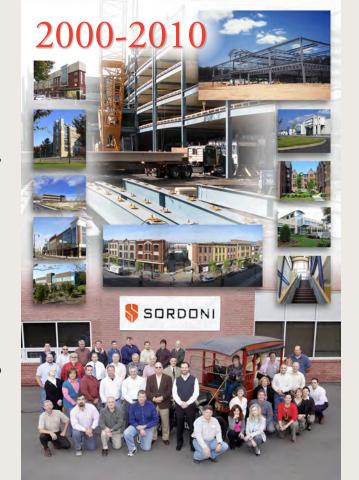
Under the leadership of William B. Sordoni, the company implemented sophisticated technology to facilitate cost estimating and operations. Services now included conceptual estimating, and extensive historical cost library, value engineering, in-house mechanical and electrical expertise, and computerized scheduling and cost control capabilities.



## Developing Community Institutions

As the New York regional market matured, Sordoni capitalized on an opportunity to strategically sell New Jersey operations to Skanska, one of the world's largest construction companies. The deal represented the first U.S. acquisition for Skanska and allowed Sordoni to leverage other business interests.

With the benefit of the experience gained in a larger market, Sordoni returned to its roots in Forty Fort with enhanced capabilities. The company built structures at all the major colleges and universities in the region, and also constructed much of the new corporate development in Scranton and Wilkes-Barre.



#### Building for the Future

The twenty-first century brought with it an interest in rejuvenating urban communities and rebuilding downtowns. Public/private partnerships were created, with developers, public agencies, and Sordoni working together to revitalize our cities.

The company's commitment to community was formalized through the creation of the Sordoni Volunteer Program, which enables employees to share their time, talent, and resources to build, grow, and give back to the community.

As the decade progressed, an evolving executive team hired new talent and key management. In New Jersey, a sister company was reestablished to build upon the reputation that had been firmly established in that market more than twenty years earlier.



#### Celebrating Our Centennial

In 2010, Sordoni celebrates A Century of Service: Clients, Employees, Community. This milestone coincides with a renewed sense of energy and a commitment to the core values upon which the company was founded: Integrity, Client Focus, Safety, Professionalism, Teamwork, and Community.

Following the retirement of his father, William B. Sordoni, William E. Sordoni became president of Sordoni Construction Services in January 2010, representing the fourth generation of active family management.

With a combination of seasoned construction professionals and a fresh outlook, the company is poised to broaden horizons while always delivering quality, value, and superior service to each of our clients.

#### A Century of Clients

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500 Lackawanna Development Co.	Bethlehem Steel	Cinemark USA Inc.
Advance PCS	Biscontini Warehouse Company	Cintas Corporation
Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.	Blakely Interboro Library	City of Scranton
Allan Industries	Bloomsburg Mills	City of Wilkes-Barre
Allied Services	Blue Cross of Northeastern PA	Columbian Vol. Fire Department
American Car & Foundry Co.	Boscov's	Commonwealth Telephone Co.
American Red Cross	Bridon American Corporation	Community Medical Center
Anchor Health Properties	Bucknell University	Continental Can Company
AT&T	CAN DO, Inc.	Crucible Steel Company
AutoZone, Inc.	Capital Health System	Deluxe Digital Studios
Aventis/Sanofi Pasteur	Cargill Meat Solutions	DL&W Railroad Company
Bartels Brewing Company	Catholic Senior Housing Partners	Diocese of Scranton
BDA Realty Co.	Catholic Youth Center	DiMare Fresh
Back Mountain Harvest Assembly	Celotex Corporation	Duplan Silk Corporation
Barnes & Noble	CertainTeed	East Stroudsburg University
Bell Telephone Co.	Children's Service Center	Eberhard Faber
Best Western	Church of Saint Patrick	Edwardsville Apartments LP
Bethlehem Limestone Company	CIGNA	Elan Gardens, Inc.

A Century of Clients Endless Mountains Health Systems Gastroenterology Consultants, Inc. Hawley Silk Mill, LLC

Geisinger Health Systems

Gentex Corporation

Glen Alden Coal Co.

Glen Oak Country Club

Graybar Electric Company

Greater Scranton Chamber

of Business & Industry

Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

Grumman Electronics

Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber

Grosek Development Company

of Commerce

Center

Genetti Hotel & Convention

Gertrude Hawk Chocolates

Glenmaura National Golf Club

Entenmann's, Inc.

Ertley Motor World

Evergreen Partners

F.M. Kirby Library

Wyoming Valley

F.W. Woolworth Co.

First Heritage Bank

First Liberty Bank

Foster Wheeler

ESU Center for Research &

F.M. Kirby Ctr. for Performing Arts

Economic Development

Family Service Assoc. of

First Eastern Bank, N.A.

First Quality Nonwovens, Inc.

First Union National Bank

Fowler, Dick and Walker

Frank M. Henry Associates

Hazleton National Bank

Humford Equities, Inc.

InterMetro Industries

Hoyt Library

Irem Temple

Ithaca College

JAE Realty

Jewelcor Inc.

**IBM** 

Hemmingway Development Corp.

Heritage House Care Facility

Huntsville Limited Partnership

International Textbook Company

Irem Temple Country Club

Jewish Community Center

Genetti Best Western Motor Inn Hazleton Health Alliance

Great Wolf Lodge of the Poconos Inn at Nichols Village

Hazleton General Hospital

John Heinz Institute

Johnson Engineering &

Manufacturing Co.

Kemper Auto & Home

Ken Pollock Nissan

Keystone College

Knoll International

Lackawanna College

King's College

Associates

Lafayette College

The Laurels, LLC

Keystone Automotive

Kingston Recreation Center

Lackawanna ASC Realty, LP

Lackawanna Valley Dermatology

Law Offices of Thomas Kelley

Law Offices of William Blaum

Jewish Home of Eastern PA

A Century of Clients Lehigh Valley Physicians Center Mercy Hospital

Lion Brewery

College

Lockheed Martin

Luzerne County

Mariani Industries

Marywood University

Masonite Corporation

Coleman & Coggin

Merchants Bank North

Marshall, Dennehey, Warner,

M & T Bank

Paper Magic

Mellon Bank

Merck & Co.

Luzerne Products, Inc.

Mercy Health Partners

National Paper Corporation

Lehigh Valley Railroad Company MetLife

Mercy Tyler Hospital Metropolitan Edison Co.

Luzerne County Community

Mid Valley School District Miner-Hilliard Milling Company Misericordia University

MMI Preparatory School Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs Morrison-Knudsen Company, Inc.

Mark Development Corporation

Moses Taylor Hospital Mountain View Care Center MotorWorld

Municipality of Kingston Murray Corporation of America

Nabisco Brands, Inc. Nardone Brothers Baking Co. A Century of Clients Prudential

RCA

Quaker Oats Company

Radnor Property Group LLC

Rosenn Jenkins & Greenwald

Royer Foundry & Machine Co.

RA Manufacturing

Saint Joseph's Center

S.S Kresge Company

Saint Peter's Cathedral

Schott Glass Technologies Inc.

Scranton Lace Company

Scranton Parking Authority

Scranton Preparatory School

Sandvik, Inc.

S.H. Kress & Co.

Schering-Plough

Scranton Club

SLIBCO

Paul Frances Realty, LP

Payne Precision Color

Lithography Inc.

Insurance Co.

Insurance Co.

PepsiCo Inc.

Center

Pomeroy's Inc.

Procter & Gamble

Penn State University

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

Potomac Edison Company

Pocmont Resort & Conference

Pocono Hospitality Corporation

PPL

North American Directory Corp. Pennsylvania Manufacturer's

Pennsylvania Electric Company

Penn Wells Hotel and Lodge

Pennsylvania Millers Mutual

National Westminster Bank

Nesbitt Memorial Hospital

New Jersey Power & Light Co.

Northeast Radiation Oncology

Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School

NY State Electric & Gas Corp.

Our Lady of Victory Church

Native Lace Works, Inc.

NPW Medical Center

Northeastern Bank of

OKI Supply Company

Osterhout Free Library

Owens-Illinois, Inc.

Parente Randolph PC

Pennsylvania

Northeast Surgery Center

New Jersey Bell

Center

South Main Street

Redevelopment LLC

Square Tool & Die Corp.

Stegmaier Brewing Company

Summit Health Care Center

Tom Hesser Chevrolet, Inc.

The Container Company

UFCW Credit Union

Tobyhanna Federal Credit Union Verus Partners

Taylor Packing Co., Inc.

TBella Enterprises

Tech Aviation Service

Temple B'nai B'rith

Temple Israel

TFP Limited

Toys-R-Us

TMS Health

A Century of Clients

United Parcel Service of America

United States Engineer Office

US Veterans Administration

Warner Bros. Communications

Washington Street Renewal

United States Post Office

Unitrin Direct

US General Services

University of Scranton

Administration

Valley Chevrolet

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Associates, Ltd.

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Sheraton Corporation of America UGI Corporation Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

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Western Wayne School District Westmoreland Club

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International Airport

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