



## \$50 Gift Card - Rigatony's Authentic Italian

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Starting Bid **\$35.00**

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Riganaldo Loperchio was born in Syracuse, a southern Sicilian province in the year 1920. The youngest child of four sons and daughters of Michael and Genevieve Loperchio, he was not content to work the vineyards that were the family pride for generations. It wasn't in his blood, and hard work of any kind held no appeal for him. It was on his 15th birthday that he stole 5,000 lire from the biscotti jar & bought his ticket to paradise, aboard a rusty freighter bound for Ellis Island. He languished for weeks among the thousands of immigrants waiting to be processed. Finally, when a harried Immigration Official asked for his final destination, he spoke the only English he had learned, "To New York." The careless agent subsequently recorded his name "Rig. To N.Y." What else is a shrewd,!