



ORDER

# Sons of Italy

Trieste Lodge No. 4

December 2005



## President's Message

I am pleased to report that we had a successful 100th anniversary celebration of our Order being established in North America. We were dignified to have the Honourable Ministers Tony Valeri and Joe Volpe along with his worship Larry Dilanni in attendance. Also we had a video greeting from Prime Minister Paul Martin. This committee certainly deserves our accolades and in particular to Chariman Carmine Filice and co-chairman Vito Sgro for a superb

event. A full report will be available at our January general meeting. Although this was a celebration of our history, accomplishments and outlook to our future, Minister Joe Volpe also re-iterated that earlier that day Prime Minister Paul Martin announced in Montreal that the government will be recognizing the injustice committed against many Italian Canadians who were interred during WWII and create a \$2.5 million fund. Our National President Fernando Forcucci was in attendance and has a committee with representatives from Hamilton (Trieste Lodge) working on the program. More information will be forthcoming.

Please refer to our upcoming events schedule for dates and details on our functions during December. It is a full calendar and it is certainly Christmas time at the Son's of Italy! Trieste Lodge continues its long-standing tradition of celebrating Christmas with our members and their families. Three major events will celebrate the holiday season—the Seniors' Christmas Party, whom we owe a great deal of gratitude, the Children's Christmas Party, whom are our future, and the Delivery of Poinsettias to nursing and retirement home residents, which truly reflects the giving and sharing aspect of the season. Organizing these events takes much effort and participation. The Chairmen are doing a wonderful job but request that you please consider donating a few hours of your time to help and assist during these events.

Adesso siamo nelle feste Natalizie. Tutti noi abbiamo tradizione che abbiamo ereditate delle nostre regioni d'Italia, e nelle nostre famiglie che abbiamo integrati con altri tradizione qui in Canada. Spero che ogni tradizione vi portera la felicità pace e gioia che significa la rilevanza di questa Santa festa. Il vostro esecutivo vi manda i migliori auguri per un Buon Natale per voi e tutti in famiglia. Di parte mia e della mia famiglia vi auguriamo i nostri affettuosi auguri e speriamo che il Gesu Bambino vi porta un sereno Natale e felice anno nuovo.

On behalf of the executive we whole heartedly offer each and every one of you and your family a very Merry Christmas. May all the blessings, joy and wonderment of this festive season be yours and grandissimi auguri for good health and prosperity for 2006

*Buon Natale,  
Respectfully submitted  
Joe Monachino*

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## Next General Meeting

**Tuesday, December 13,  
2005 at 6:30 p.m.**

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# Centennial Celebration - Photo Gallery



Rob Skaljin, Loris Pilot, Carmine Filice, Gasper Lipari



Carmine Filice with Mayor Larry DiIanni



Vice President Carmine Filice, Magdoline Filice, President Joe Monachino, Angela Monachino, Past President Louis Serafini Jr., Lori Serafini

## Halifax - Pier 21 Information on display at the December General Meeting.

Halifax's Pier 21 ([www.pier21.ca](http://www.pier21.ca)) opened in 1928 and closed in 1971. From the twenties to the seventies, Pier 21 was Canada's 'front door' to over a million immigrants (including many members of the Sons of Italy trieste lodge and their relatives), wartime evacuees, refugees, troops, war brides and their children. This enriched our social and cultural landscape and uplifted the very soul of a nation forever. Pier 21, a National Historic Site, has been transformed into a testament to Canada's profoundly emotional immigration experience.

Pier 21 is collecting stories from people that have been part of Pier 21. If you immigrated to Canada and first step foot in this country at Pier 21 they we would love to hear from you. The Pier 21 Resource Centre houses photographs of 90% of the ships that brought immigrants to Halifax between 1928 and 1971, and we are constantly adding to our collection. Ship images cost \$30.00, which includes taxes and shipping within Canada. They come framed and with a personalized caption. The customized images can say anything that you like. The captions frequently read like this one:

*"The Tamilia family arrived at Pier 21 in Halifax, Nova Scotia aboard the Olympia on June 23, 1946"*

Italian Immigrant stories from the Pier 21 archives, the list of ships photographs available for purchase and how to share your story with Pier 21 will be available at the December general meeting or by contacting Rob Skaljin or emailing [robert.skaljin@td.com](mailto:robert.skaljin@td.com)

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# Children's Christmas Party



**DATE:** Sunday, December 11, 2005  
**PLACE:** Sons of Italy Hall  
**TIME:** 1:30 p.m. (sharp) to 3:30 p.m.

Please note that Santa will be distributing gifts this year. In order to offset the cost of a gift, a fee of \$10 per child will be appreciated.

**Please complete the form below, and return no later than November 21, 2005** with your cheque made payable to Sons of Italy (children's Christmas Party) to: Joe Mongiardi  
 499 King St. East, Hamilton, ON L8N 1G1  
 Phone: (905) 643-4291  
 or (905) 385-7845 (Evenings)

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children/Grandchild:

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# Upcoming Events

For those wishing to help with the following events, please see your Executive.

**Turkey Roll** - Friday December 2nd, 2005 - Sons of Italy Hall

**Seniors Christmas Party** - Wednesday, December 7, 2005 - Sons of Italy Hall

**Children's Christmas Party** - Sunday, December 11, 2005 - Our Hall

**Seniors Christmas Flower Delivery** - Wednesday, December 14, 2005 - Our Hall

**January General Meeting** - Tuesday, January 10, 2006 - Our Hall

**Briscola Card Night** - Friday, January 27, 2006 - Our Hall

## Sons of Italy Online!

Highlights of our "New and Improved" website!

- Download a membership application.
- Submit articles/material for publication in our newsletter or be added to our e-newsletter mailing list (newsletter@sonsofitalyhamilton.org).
- Email the executive with constructive ideas for a better lodge (executive@sonsofitalyhamilton.org).
- View past issues of our newsletter.
- Advertisers can now add their business link to the site (See Rob Skaljic).



## Memorial Mass

The memorial mass on November 13, was well attended.

We would like to thank the following people who contributed their time for this occasion.

Joe Mongardi, Rose Mazza, Flo Paradise, Shirley Figliola, Mary Best, Jean Destro, Kay Urban, Anna Vario, Chairs: Tony Greco & Victor Sguigna

## Seniors Christmas Dinner Party

The seniors Christmas dinner party is Wednesday December 7, 2005, 5:30 at the Sons of Italy Hall.

Meet Santa and dance to music by Sorrento.

The cost is \$ 15.00 each.

Call Victor Sguigna at 905-526-9021 for tickets or buy them at the hall on Dec 7/05. We need volunteers to help with the seniors dinner party.

Chairs: Jerry Catania & Victor Sguigna

## Christmas Flower Delivery Volunteers.

Please keep Wednesday December 14, 2005 @ 9:30AM open to help with the delivery of the Christmas poinsettias.

A light lunch will be served at the hall prior to deliveries

Chair: Victor Sguigna



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