



ORDER

Sons of Italy

Trieste Lodge No. 4

February 2005



President's Message

It's hard to believe that we are well into our new year. I wish to thank the members of the executive, chairpersons, and committee members for their dedication, time and effort. I'd like to especially thank you, the members, whom have supported our events and would like to encourage those who have not been active to get involved in:

- Making a commitment to attend all the general meetings
- Getting involved in one of the committees or an event which interests you
- Volunteering at our Bingo
- Volunteering at Villa Italia

We certainly have an aggressive agenda with many challenges ahead for our organization. If we are not meeting your expectations, please let myself or an executive member know of your concerns.

Our February meeting is our annual "Father and Children" meeting. There is no better way to see the proceedings at our lodge than to bring your child to one of our meetings. Hopefully they will see that we are truly an organization proud of our heritage, and now want to work towards the goal of making our organization one of the strongest service clubs in the city, raising funds for those in need, and contributing to the deserving charities in the region.

At our February meeting, we will be electing the Trieste Lodge delegates to the 2005 National Convention being held in Sault Ste. Marie, May 20-23, 2005. Every two years our Grand Council holds its National Convention in order to have all the filial lodges discuss their concerns, and more importantly, arrive at resolutions to benefit all our lodges. If you require more information and wish to participate or learn more about our Grand Council and Convention, please contact myself or any one of our executive members.

It is with heavy heart we announce the passing away of James Bonamico of Sault Ste. Marie. He was a past Grand Venerable of the National Order and was past President and active member of the Garibaldi Lodge, in Sault Ste. Marie. Our sincerest condolences to our brothers and sisters at the Garibaldi Lodge, and especially to his family. Brother Bonamico will certainly be missed by the lodge he dedicated himself to, and his family.

Mark your calendars and note our upcoming events, and don't forget your sweetheart on Valentine's Day!

*Respectively Submitted,
Joe Monachino*

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Seniors Christmas Party Dinner

As chairman of this event I would like to thank all the people listed below for donating their time to make this occasion memorable for our seniors. There was a lot of positive feedback from the seniors that the food and service was great.

Joe Monachino	Vince Antonucci	Myrna Sguigna
David Morganti, cook	Jim Mercanti	Angelo Venditti, Sorrento
Dominic Morganti, cook	Loris Pilot	Dino Ballavia, Sorrento
Edda Morganti, cook	Luciano Cavellin	Charlie Mattina,
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Lorenzo Mostacci	Jack Marchese	Christmas Poinsettia
Leo Leoni	Frank Merolli	Deliveries
Dave MacIsaac (Rito Rosati	Victor Sguigna
Martinello)	Frank Rosati	
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Christmas Poinsettia Deliveries

I would like to thank all the Santa's Elves listed below who gave their time and vehicles for the distribution of Christmas flowers to our seniors in retirement and nursing homes.

Carrie Morreale	Connie Sills
Shirley Figliola	Don Sills
Flo Paradisi	Bob Savelli
Mary Marranta	Vito Sgro
Mermy Montani	Chris Apro
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Kay Urban	Angelo Venditti
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Call to Duty

Villa Italia Retirement Residence has been the dream of the Sons of Italy Hamilton for over 15 years. To see this dream come to fruition has been a proud moment for this community and our Italian seniors. The groundwork was laid by our seniors to provide the next generation with opportunities to grasp hold of an education they might not otherwise receive back home. How many times have we heard our parents say "I came to this country so you didn't have to work like me". This is true and I am personally thankful for the choices my parents made as well as the choices that others made. This melting pot of Hamilton has survived on "paesano's" who stepped into help when anyone needed it.

I am putting out the invitation to the brothers and sisters of the Sons of Italy Hamilton for volunteers. Specifically we need volunteers to transport residents during outings. These outings include the casino, the mall, dinner at a restaurant, coffee at Tim's etc. As well, we also need volunteers to assist with weekly activities such as bocce, cards, poker, walks, story telling, cooking and baking, shuffleboard etc.

A successful not for profit organization is only as good as its committed volunteers. At Villa Italia we strive to be the "best in class". I am confident that the community will make us their choice for retirement living.

So, I challenge all of you to think about what you can do to help Villa Italia become the "best in class". If you have a mini van or large passenger vehicle and are considering volunteering, please call us. If you have a hobby or something you love to do and would like to volunteer, get on the phone and call Pat Mostacci or Robert Ciccone at 905 388 4552 for more information.

*Pat Mostacci - Executive Director
Villa Italia Retirement Residence*

Villa Italia Tribute Dinner

Honouring

Nicholas J. Zaffiro

the Life, the Law and the Legacy

Friday, April 15, 2005

Chandelier Place, 660 Barton Street, Stoney Creek

Cocktails 6:00 p.m. - Dinner 7:00 p.m.

\$125.00 per person - All inclusive - Business Attire





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Upcoming Events

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

Father/Children Night - Tuesday, February 8th, 2005

Baccala Night - Friday, February 25th, 2005 - Our Hall

Wine Tasting Contest - Tuesday, March 8th, 2005 - Our Hall

Nick Zaffiro Tribute Dinner - Friday, April 15th, 2005 - Chandelier

Spaghetti Supper - May 4th, 2005 - Our Hall

Thank you for supporting your Lodge.

Wine Tasting Contest

Our annual wine tasting contest will take place at our March 8th General Meeting with the following conditions.

All entries must be received no later than Monday, March 7th. All bottles may be left at Fengate real Estate, 499 King Street East (next door to the Lodge), between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$5.00 per bottle. (White, Red, Rose)



Announcements!

- Anyone wishing to receive this newsletter electronically (by email) please contact Br. Carmine Filice at carm@greentario.com to be added to the list.
- Please help us with our food drive by bringing non-perishable foods or cans to our general meetings. All items will be forwarded to Food Share.
- Congratulations to Br. Ben Troiani on his appointment as a Director of ScotiaMcLeod.

The Order Sons of Italy – Trieste Lodge newsletter exists to communicate and promote the activities of this lodge. To advertise or for contributions, of any kind, that would be of interest or benefit to our members, please contact Br. Gasper Lipari at 905-528-2999x11 - glipari@allegranet.com or Br. Frank Merolli at 905-664-5088 – frank@weld-techproducts.com.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.



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