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# Sons of Italy

Trieste Lodge No. 4

February 2006



## President's Message

Our organization always looks forward to our annual "Father and Children Meeting." This is a great opportunity to introduce our children to the Order Sons of Italy and to see first hand how we celebrate our heritage and culture. Also, more importantly they can see how we have evolved into a service organization raising funds for those in need and contributing to the deserving

charities in the region. Trustee Loris Pilot is in the process of finalizing the attendance of various special guests whom will be of keen interest to our children. Be sure to attend. Please note the date change in your calendar; the February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2006. This will allow you to spend time with your sweetheart on Valentine's Day!

It was truly gratifying to attend our annual "Card Night" on January 27. This is always a well-attended fun filled evening, which exemplifies the social aspect of our Lodge. Although initially it was a Briscola Tournament, our members and their guests were enjoying card games including Poker, Texas Holdem and Bingo. Functions like this allows our members to show case our Lodge and the service and charity work we do. Special thanks to Brother Frank Merolli for chairing and organizing our Card Night, and Brother Joe Mongiardi for preparing an exquisite meal. A recurring question asked is "Why don't we have more nights like this?" This will be addressed at our next executive meeting. Congratulations to our Briscola Tournament Champs and all those who played in the Tournament.

One of the biggest challenges that our Lodge must address, along with our filial lodges, is to promote growth in our membership in order for us to continue to be one of the strongest service organizations in the city. The Trieste Lodge has been an all male lodge and the Executive wants to recommend that our Lodge explore the opening of its membership to women to have them join our Lodge. Since this will be a major change in policy for our Lodge, it is important that there be a thorough discussion of the issue at our March 14, 2006 general meeting. I would urge everyone to attend to discuss this issue and vote on any motions that may be presented.

*Respectfully submitted  
Joe Monachino*

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## Next General Meeting

Wednesday, February 15,  
2006 at 6:30 p.m.

# IT STARTED AS A DREAM...NOW IT'S A PLACE TO CALL HOME.

During the month of February, Villa Italia celebrates its 3rd Anniversary. This dream that started almost twenty years ago has finally come to fruition.

As we celebrate we can't forget the struggles that we have encountered and those we continue to endure. Villa Italia is nearing capacity. As of February 1, 2006 we have 92 permanent residents and 10 respite residents. We also have a waiting list of 15 people waiting to enter respite care.

We have been fortunate that those who have experienced our respite program find it to be the utmost care they have ever received. More than a handful have become permanent since October 2005. We have demonstrated that we provide the best care in the city. Our staff is second to none and their passion for Villa Italia is to be admired. This is evident in the referrals that we receive from the hospitals and the community.

This month we have also blitzed the community with an 8 page advertorial that showcases Villa Italia and the services that we provide. At a time when Long Term Care facilities have a 1 – 2 year waiting list, and other retirement residences in the area are full, we decided to attack the community with the positive word. Without some generous advertisers, this opportunity would not be possible.

Finally, Villa Italia still needs the help of the community. We need volunteers to continue to facilitate our programs, drivers to take our seniors on outings and students to achieve their 40 hours commitment as part of their high school curriculum. Although the building is here and the amenities are in place, Villa Italia still needs your financial help to continue to strive.

We have explored an Adult Day Program where seniors of all cultures could go for the day to play cards, socialize with others, work on their cognitive skills, have a nice meal and just be well taken care of. Caregivers would invite this opportunity to recharge and energize while their loved ones are still in a supportive environment.

Consider making a pledge to Villa Italia. Even \$ 50.00 a month could go towards the optimum of programs for our seniors. A mini bus has been a goal since day one. Please help us achieve some of these goals. If you are interested in donating or making a pledge to Villa Italia, please contact Frank Raso, Director of Development. He can be reached at 905 388 4552 ext. 404.

We look forward to your continued support!

*Pat Mostacci  
Executive Director  
Villa Italia Retirement Residence.*

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(Now accepting candidates)

### Criteria:

If you know someone who is of Italian-Canadian descent and has made a significant contribution to our community through their work, volunteer time, dedication to a charity, etc..

Please forward a 1 - 2 page biography of the individual you wish to nominate for Italian-Canadian Citizen of the Year. All biographies must be sponsored by at least 3 individuals. Possible candidates do not have to be members of the Order Sons of Italy. Biographies can be emailed to Frank Merolli at [frank@weld-techproducts.com](mailto:frank@weld-techproducts.com), faxed to 905-644-5297, or

### Mailed to:

Italian-Canadian Citizen of the Year  
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**All biographies must be submitted by  
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# Upcoming Events

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

**Father/Children Night /February General Meeting - Wed., Feb. 15, 2006 - Our Hall**

**Baccala Night - Friday, March 3, 2006 - Our Hall**

**Wine Tasting Contest / March General Meeting - Tuesday, March 14, 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).
- Check out our on-line Photo Album.



# Wine Tasting Contest

Our annual wine tasting contest will take place at our March 14th General Meeting with the following conditions:

All entries must be received no later than Monday, March 13th. 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, Rosé)



# The Trieste Lodge On-line Photo Album

The Trieste Lodge is very pleased to announce the official launch of the Trieste Lodge's On-line Photo Album now available via our website. You'll see the who's who of the lodge and get glimpse into some the great events we've hosted in the past year. The first entries posted on the photo album are photos from our Centennial Celebration Gala held at Liuna Station back on November 12, 2005 and the Annual Children's Christmas party.

So go <http://www.sonsofitalyhamilton.org/soi.htm> now to check it out and see if you can spot yourself or some of our other dedicated members!

Enjoy!

Note: If you are interested in obtaining the original digital photograph taken for any of the pictures on the site please contact me at [robert.skaljic@td.com](mailto:robert.skaljic@td.com)



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