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Sons of Italy

Trieste Lodge No. 4

January 2006



President's Message

Once again the Lodge had a festive Christmas season and hope everyone enjoyed all the celebrations with your families and loved ones. Our annual Turkey Roll, which raises funds for our well deserving charities, preceded our Seniors Christmas Party, Children's Christmas Party and Poinsettias delivery, which were part of our celebrations. It was my privilege to attend these functions and to witness the gratification

on our members' faces on giving of their time, and realizing

the joy of giving and sharing with those in our lodge and community. A special thank you to the event Chairpersons, executive and committee members in making our functions a resounding success.

As we begin a new year, we reflect on the past and make resolutions for the new. At our lodge, we can be proud of many accomplishments over the past year. Specifically, we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of our Order in North America. Our theme was "celebrating our past and looking forward to the future", and your executive is certainly looking forward to serving our organization in 2006. The funds raised will certainly assist our lodge in meeting its financial obligations and allowing our lodge to continue to be one of the strongest service organizations in the city.

It is imperative that we all continue to support our events and functions. I would ask that you all make a resolution to participate in one additional function, volunteer on one of our committees, attend our monthly meetings, and sponsor new members to join our lodge. In order to continue to grow and prosper, we need to bring new members into our organization. If we all sponsor one new member we will be able to double our membership! Let's all make this a key resolution for 2006. In the near future, our executive will be bringing forward recommendations on expanding our membership, and will be looking forward to your input. Please check our schedule of upcoming events and be an active member. Working together we can have a successful new year. Hoping 2006 will be a fantastic year for all of you.

Da parte dell'esecutivo sinceri auguri per un felice anno nuovo pieno di salute, gioia e prosperità.

*Respectfully submitted
Joe Monachino*

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Next General Meeting

**Tuesday, January 10,
2006 at 6:30 p.m.**

Seniors Christmas Party Dinner

Victor Sguigna would like to thank all the people listed below for donating their time to make this occasion a very professional affair. There was a lot of verbal feedback from the seniors that the food and service was great.

Thanks to the following volunteers.

Joe Monachino	David Morganti, cook	Dominic Morganti, cook
Vittoria Morganti, cook	Connie Morganti	Micheal Morganti
Joe Mongiardi	Lorenzo Mostacci	Leo Leoni
Vince Antonucci	Jim Mercanti	Loris Pilot
Gasper Lipari	Jack Marchese	Frank Merolli
Rito Rosati	Frank Rosati	Angela Monachino
Myrna Sguigna	Angelo Venditti, Sorrento	Joe Suffoletta, Sorrento
Charlie Mattina, Sorrento	Jerry Catania	Louie Mason
Guido DiCesare	Carmine Filice	Anna Vario
Lorena Salve	George Luciani	

Christmas Poinsettia Deliveries

Victor Sguigna would like to thank all the Santa's Elves listed below who gave their time and vehicles for the distribution of the flowers to the retirement and nursing homes to wish a Merry Christmas to the seniors.

Carrie Morreale	Connie Sills	Shirley Figliola
Don Sills	Flo Paradisi	Bob Savelli
Mary & Andy Marranca	Aaron D'Amico	Jean Destro
Micheal D'Amico	Kay Urban	Angelo Venditti
Joanna Verticchio	Anna-Marie Venditti	Peter Catenaro
Brian Swain	Joe Mongardi	Myrna Sguigna
Gasper Lipari	Rob Skaljin	Carmine Filice
Adam Derus	Ezio Settimi	Brendan Bourassa
John Varrasso	Dom Petrella	Enrico DiTomasso
Joanna Minard	Louie Mazzon	Jack Marchese
Joe D'Amico		

Children's Christmas Party

Rob Skaljin would like to thank the following volunteers and sponsors that helped to make this year's Children's Christmas Party a huge success:

Volunteers:	Guido DiCesare	Shirley Figliola	Walter Lucianni
	Joe Mongiardi	Flo Paradisi	Loris Pilot
	Victor Sguigna	Nancy Skaljin	Ralph Vitello

Sponsors: Gasper Lipari at Allegra Printing
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Entertainment: Michael Albert

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L'annuale concerto Natalizio del coro Figli d'Italia tenutosi Sabato 26 Novembre 2005

Presso la sala dell'Associazione, è stata una serata piena di allegria e bel canto. Un'esperienza culinaria ben preparata dalle signore Vittoria e Lorian e l'occhio direttivo del presidente Andrea Romano. Il coro si è poi esibito, sotto la direzione dell'energetica Sigra, Lorien Grayson e dal pianista Geoff Grayson, in un concerto di canzoni Natalizie classiche e popolari, lasciando tutti in uno spirito di festività. Meritava un sell out ma speriamo nel prossimo anno.

Per gli amanti del bel canto, il coro si raduna ogni Mercoledì nella sala dei Sons of Italy e nuovi mambri sono benvenuti.

Gelindo Sanmartin

The Sons of Italy Choir held its annual Christmas concert at the association hall on Saturday November 26, 2005. It was a splendid evening filled with music and joy. A delightful meal was graciously prepared by Signore Vittoria and Lorian under the supervision of the choir president, Andrea Romano. The choir then treated the guests to a concert of popular songs and Christmas classics under the direction of Mrs. Lorien Grayson and pianist Geoff Grayson that left everyone in a festive mood. This splendid evening definitely merited a sell out; we only hope more people will share in this festive event next year.

Choir practice is held every Wednesday evening at the Sons of Italy hall. New members are always welcome.

Gelindo Sanmartin



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Upcoming Events

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

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

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

February General Meeting - Wednesday, February 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).



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)



Villa Italia President Charles Criminisi presents President Joe Monachino with a plaque recognizing the contributions made to the Villa Italia by the Trieste Lodge.



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