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# Sons of Italy

Trieste Lodge - Hamilton

March 2008



## President's Message

Dear Brothers,

It appears that after a few mild winters Mother Nature has returned to her old habits.

Even though weather conditions were not the best we had a decent turn out for our Father/Children meeting on February 12, 2008. In attendance was George

Hudson, offensive lineman for the Hamilton Tiger-cats (refer to bio.online). He spent the evening talking to the members and children. Thank you to Br. Joe Bucci for inviting George. For more information on our Hamilton Tiger-Cats visit [www.ticats.ca](http://www.ticats.ca).

Our March general meeting is always well attended as it is our home made wine contest night. For all you self proclaimed "wine makers", here is your chance to test your skills against fellow members. Please refer to this newsletter for details on how to enter your wine.

I would like to remind all members that annual members dues should be paid by the next general meeting. Dues are now \$60.00/year. You can pay at the next general meeting or mail your cheque to:

Sons of Italy – membership dues  
499 King Street East  
Hamilton, ON L8N 1E1

Also, membership has it's privileges  
– admission for our general meetings are as follows:

Member - \$15.00      Non-member - \$20.00

Our Men's Soccer team had a successful Valentines Martini Night on February 9, 2008. Congratulations to Br. Rob Skaljic and his committee on an enjoyable evening.

I look forward to see everyone on March 11, 2008.

Fraternally yours,  
Carmine E. Filice, President

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## Next General Meeting

Tuesday,  
March 11, 2008  
@ 7:00

# Elections 2008/2009

I would like to remind all our members that we are approaching our annual elections at our June 10, 2008 meeting.

One of my final duties as past-president is to prepare an election slate. Although the election slate will not be finalized until our May General Meeting, I encourage all our executive and general body members to consider if you wish to seek a position on the executive or encourage others to seek a position. In order to be updated and contribute to the direction and future of our Lodge all candidates and potential candidates should attend the Sons of Italy Organizational Review Retreat on Saturday April 19, 2008. It is a privilege and rewarding experience to serve our Order and our community. Once again I encourage YOU to participate at the Executive level.

Joseph S. Monachino, Past-President

## Italian-Canadian Citizen of Year 2008

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 Son's of Italy. Biographies can be emailed to Carmine Filice at [carm@greentario.com](mailto:carm@greentario.com), faxed to 905-388-2325, or

Mailed to:

Italian-Canadian Citizen of the Year  
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All biographies must be submitted by  
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## Wine Tasting Contest

Our annual wine tasting contest will take place at our March 11th General Meeting with the following conditions:

All entries must be received no later than Monday, March 10th.

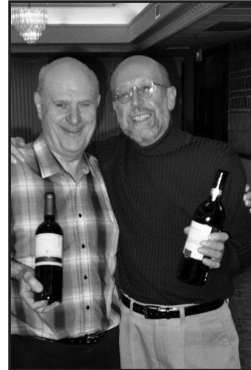
All bottles may be left at Fengate Real Estate, 499 King Street

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)

# Photo Gallery

## Wine Tasting February 7th, 2008



The Sons of Italy Wine Tasting Club has had their first meeting Thursday, February 7th, 2008. The wine tasting was very good and the dinner was delicious (thanks to Joe Mangiardi). It was an enjoyable evening among wine loving friends. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17th. If interested call Livio di Nello 905-389-6930.

## Parent/Child Night February 12th, 2008



George Hudson of the Hamilton Ti-Cats with Pat Mostacci and his children during Father/Children Night.

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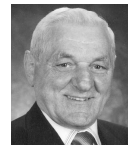
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# Upcoming Events

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

**General Meeting** - Tuesday, March 11th, 2008 - Our Hall

**Wine Tasting Contest** - Tuesday, March 11th, 2008 - Our Hall

**Wine Tasting Club** - Thursday, April 17th, 2008 - Our Hall

**Vision Session** - Saturday, April 19th, 2008 - Our Hall

**Spaghetti Supper** - May 7th, 2008

## Choir

We are pleased to report that the Sons of Italy choir had another successful year in 2007. Under the direction of Geoff & Lorien Grayson, the choir performed several concerts in various venues including Villa Italia, Centro Veneto Toronto and for the feast of St. Michael, to name but a few. The Christmas concert was also sold out for the second consecutive year. All members of the choir and the committee would like to extend their gratitude to everyone who supported them in 2007.

At the general meeting on January 30, 2008, some changes were made with regards to the choir's committee members including the appointing of a new president, Angelo Venditti. We are grateful to Alex Fabris for his enthusiasm and dedication to the choir as president and know that Angelo will continue in similar fashion to lead the organization forward.

Preparation for the 2008 season will commence on March 5th with the first choir practice. Practices are held every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in the Sons of Italy hall 449 King St. E.

The choir is seeking new members who are invited to join them for practices.



## Visioning Session

Dear Members

You are invited to a day of open discussion, debate and strategic planning to be held at our hall (499 King Street E.). The theme of the day is the development of a strategic communication plan (internal and external) for the organizations that comprise the SOI. This session is an opportunity for all members to have a voice in the organization's future growth. The sessions will run from 9am to 6pm and will include light refreshments and lunch. Please RSVP by contacting Frank Raso by phone (905\_388\_4552) or by email ("mailto:fraso@sonsofitalyhamilton.org" fraso@sonsofitalyhamilton.org) by April 11, 2008. It is important for members to make an effort to attend the whole day, given that we want the widest representation of membership opinions possible. The objective is to arrive at a preliminary plan that is acceptable to the greatest number of members possible. Sincerely, Carmine E. Filice, President

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