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# Sons of Italy

Trieste Lodge - Hamilton

## President's Message

December 2009



The Christmas season is a time of reflection, a time to be thankful for the many blessings bestowed upon us. As we, the executive, prepare to turn the page and finalize another chapter for our organization, we are determined and mindful of our responsibilities to The Order Sons of Italy. We are ever so respectful of the many members and executive who served before us, by adhering to the values and principles of our Order, Service & Charity, Community Involvement and Heritage.

The Sons of Italy – Trieste Lodge concluded with the final meeting of the year on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The meeting was very productive and positive as we set forth the agenda for 2010.

November 21, 2009 was a night that served as a reminder for us all, that one's commitment and dedication to his beliefs and a willingness to succeed, regardless of the obstacles, can be achieved. This year's Italian – Canadian Citizen of the Year Gala was in honour of Dr. Carmelo Scime. We were truly inspired, as we honoured a man who has dedicated over 50 years of his life to the betterment of the community, his patients and respect for life. The Gala was publicized and well attended. Close to 200 guests were treated to an evening of fine food, and great music. Acknowledgments from all levels of government were made, which included the attendance of the Mayor of Hamilton, Fred Eisenberger. Also in attendance paying tribute to Dr. Scime were seven Past Presidents of The Order Sons of Italy. Congratulations to the event chairs and the selection committee for the most memorable and successful event.

This year's Turkey Roll was held on Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Sons of Italy Hall. For over 30 years, Brothers Lou Serafini Sr., David Morganti and Joe Mongiardi, have chaired and organized this event, which has become one of the largest fundraisers for our organization. Over the years these Past Presidents have raised over \$400,000, which has gone directly to our charity account and in turn, to local charities in our community. I had the privilege of emceeding the event that was well attended and a great success. A special thank you to Brothers, Tony Cipolla and Joe Monachino for organizing the ticket sales and assuring all accounting was in order. Thank you Gentlemen, for your efforts and continued dedication.

Our annual Christmas Gathering is set for December 8<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Sons of Italy Hall. This event is held in lieu of our December General Meeting and is free to our membership with a \$20.00 cost for spouse and or guest. **Note:** Only one guest per member. Br. Joe Mongiardi and his staff, as usual will be preparing an outstanding

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### Next General Meeting

Tuesday,  
December 8, 2009  
@ 7:00 PM

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meal for us and I ask that you please complete **the enclosed Registration form confirming your attendance**. If you have yet to confirm your attendance, I ask that you do so - as soon as possible (**the deadline to confirm your attendance is December 3rd**) please contact Joe Mongiardi directly.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held in our hall on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> 2009. Please complete the enclosed child registration form at your earliest, in order for us to prepare for this most exciting and eventful afternoon for the children. If you missed the event deadline confirming your attendance – you must contact the event chairs for event availability. Please contact **event chairs** Br. Robert Skaljic or Br. Guido DiCesare.

As most of you are aware, our Seniors Christmas Poinsettia delivery that was set for, Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 has been cancelled - due the severe H1N1 virus. We will commence with this most traditional event for our organization, December 2010.

As Sons of Italy – Trieste Lodge President, I can report that this Executive is filled with hope and optimism for the future. We are working hard to carry forward the traditions of our proud and storied organization that dates back to 1922 and has been served by 37 Presidents. I would like to thank each of you who have made contributions and attended our events, and ask for your continued support in the years to come. I believe that each of us, have within ourselves a willingness to serve and give back. I ask that you serve through the Sons of Italy. Get involved, and let our Order be the vehicle in which you serve. As I have stated many times, “when the Sons of Italy is called upon we never sit down, we stand-up”.

In closing, on behalf of the executive, we wish each of you a Merry Christmas (Buon Natale) and a Happy New Year (Felice Anno Nuovo) with good health and happiness.

Looking forward to seeing you on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Fraternally yours,

Ralph Vitello  
President – Sons of Italy  
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# Photo Gallery - Citizen of the Year



The honourable Fred Eisenberger with recipient Dr. Carmelo Scime.



Sons of Italy Trieste Lodge President Ralph Vitello with honouree Carmelo Scime.



Trieste Lodge Executive with Dr. Scime.



Past Presidents Carmine Filice, Joe Monachino and Frank Merolli with Dr. Scime.

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# Upcoming Events

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

**Annual Christmas Gathering** - Tuesday, December 8th, 2009 - Our Hall

**Children's Christmas Party** - Sunday, December 13th, 2009 - Our Hall

**General Meeting** - Tuesday, January 12th, 2010 - Our Hall

**Briscola Card Night** - Friday, January 29th, 2010 - Our Hall

## Sons of Italy Choir



The Sons of Italy Choir is right into the Spirit of the Christmas Season with the following performances.

On Nov. 25, 2009, The Sons of Italy Choir performed at The All Souls Church Christmas Concert.

On Saturday Nov. 28, 2009, The Choir's Annual Christmas Concert, Dinner and Dance was sold out.

On Wednesday Dec. 2, 2009, the Choir performed at Chartwell Classics of Oakville, for The Christmas Tree Lighting Concert.

Please join us on Wednesday Dec. 9, 2009 at Villa Italia for the Christmas Story, with the Sons of Italy Choir.

*From all of us:  
The Sons of Italy Choir  
Wishes All the Sons of Italy members  
and their Families, the most Blessed Christmas  
and a Very Joyous and Prosperous New Year*



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