

ORDER

Sons of Italy

Trieste Lodge - Hamilton

February 2009



President's Message

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Sons of Italy Executive, I wish to extend our hopes for a Prosperous New Year filled with health and happiness to each of you and your families.

We ended 2008 with a most wonderful General Meeting that was held on December 9th. We reverted back to our "Traditional Christmas Gathering" that was attended by 130 members and guests. I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to Br. Joe Mongiardi for preparing an excellent Christmas

Dinner. I also wish to thank Joe DeLuca of Barbara Café for donating the enormous gift basket which was raffled off and generated \$600.00 which was donated to Food Share.

The Children's Christmas Party which was held on December 13, 2008, was again a great success. The children were treated to a day filled with games and crafts and of course "chicken cutlets, fries and hotdogs – Italian style". Thanks to Br. Robert Skaljin and Br. Guido DiCesare for picking up the presents and organizing the event. A special thank you to the Ladies of the Roma Imperial Lodge for wrapping the gifts and last but not least, thank you Nancy Skaljin (Raso) for all your efforts in assuring the children had a memorable day.

The Seniors Christmas Poinsettia's were delivered and so much appreciated by our seniors. Thank you to all who participated. A special thank you to Br. Mark Sebastianutti and Br. Carmine Filice for picking up the flowers with trucks donated by "Paul's Restorations". And to Br. Bob Savelli, thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment to the Order Sons of Italy, your letter and kind words are so much appreciated by the Executive.

The presentation of the Past Presidents ring was made to Br. Carmine Filice at our December 9 meeting. Thank you to Br. David Morganti for having the ring made and designed.

Our first event of the 2009 calendar year was held on January 23, Briscola / Card Night. As always the event was well attended, and was a night filled with intense card playing. Thank you Br. Frank Merolli and Br. Joe Mongiardi for a well organized evening. The winners of the Briscola tournament were Mr. and Mrs. Cono & Angela DiSalvo, congratulations. This is the second year in a row that a husband and wife team has won.

At our January General Meeting, 7 new members were initiated and became members of the Sons of Italy. It is with pride that I welcome the following members to our Order.

- Ugo DiFrancesco, Tony Battaglia, Aristodemo Canzi, Michael Palombella, Jason Pasqua, Marita Zaffiro and Pat Demiglio.

I assure you that your membership in our order will be filled with great personal satisfaction, as we work together to carry on the traditions of this great organization.

Note: The February General Meeting will be " Father / Children " night.

I encourage all our members to bring their children and spend an evening enjoying fine food and conversation with future leaders of our order.

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Next General Meeting

Tuesday, March 10th, 2009

@ 7:00 PM

Father/Children Night

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(President's Message Continued...)

Also, of importance will be the presentation of our annual charity Budget by our V.P. Robert Skaljin.

I ask that you please refer to the listed calendar of events, and encourage you to get involved.

- Spaghetti Supper: Set-For Wednesday May 6, 2009. Tickets will be available at our February 10 General Meeting.
- Golf Tournament: Set-For June 25, 2009. Course Kings Forest with Dinner at our Hall.

In closing, since assuming the Presidency of our Order on many occasions and when given the opportunity, I speak of the determination, mindfulness and the responsibility with which this Executive conducts itself. This executive is joined not only by a commitment towards service and charity, but most importantly joined by a Fellowship and a belief that each of us have within ourselves a willingness to serve and give back. This Executive is committed to continue the hard work and dedication put-forth by those who served before us. Together along with our membership we will succeed.

Looking forward seeing all of you at our February 10, 2009 General Meeting.

Fraternally yours, Ralph Vitello, President – Sons of Italy

COMING SOON: New and Improved Sons of Italy Website!

We are getting very close to launching a new website for the SONS OF ITALY and would like to ask the general membership if they have any thoughts or ideas they would like to see within the SOI Website.

The website will have more sections added with sponsor links along with information to keep everyone up to date.

Please contact Leo Zinga direct through e-mail at leo@zingmedia.ca or calling Zing Media Inc. at 905-318-6583 with any questions or ideas.



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Upcoming Events

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

**Next General Meeting - Tuesday, March 10th, 2009 - Our Hall "Bring a Friend Night"
and "Wine Tasting Contest"**

Spaghetti Supper - Wednesday, May 6th, 2009 - Our Hall

Golf Tournament - Thursday, June 25th, 2009 - Kings Forest

Wine Tasting Contest

Our annual wine tasting contest will take place at our March 10th General Meeting with the following conditions:

All entries must be received no later than Monday, March 9th.

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)



Choir Christmas Performance



The evening was a great success and our third sell out event. The choir sang some old and new Christmas songs and were very well received by the participants, under the direction of Mrs. Lorien Grayson accompanied by her husband Jeff.



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