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# Sons of Italy

Trieste Lodge - Hamilton

## President's Message

April 2010



Dear Members

I trust everyone had a wonderful Easter and the opportunity to spend time with their families. May the Peace and God's blessings of Easter remain with us throughout the year.

I wish to express my appreciation and congratulations to Brother Livio DiNello on another successful wine tasting event which was held at our March General meeting. This long standing and cherished contest / event of our organization has been chaired by Br. Livio for the past 27 years. Thank you Livio for your dedication and we are already looking forward to

next years contest. Please refer to this newsletter for the winners in each category.

Over the course of the next few months, our organization will be holding / hosting an event filled calendar. From our Roast in honour of Br. Frank Merolli, to our Spaghetti Supper in support of the Haiti Relief Fund, Elections at our June meeting and Golf Tournament in support of the Juravinski Cancer Centre. I ask and encourage all of our membership to attend and get involved.

Please contact myself or any member of the executive for additional information.

- Roast In Honour of Frank Merolli. Set for April 16th, 2010. Our Hall. Tickets contact Br. Lewis Merolli.
- Spaghetti Supper. Wednesday May 5th, 2010. Our Hall. "Haiti Relief Fund". For Tickets please contact any member of the Executive. Tickets can also be purchased form Fengate's office.
- Elections at our June General Meeting. The Election slate will not be finalized until our May General Meeting. Contact Past-President Carmine Filice with nominations.
- Golf Tournament: Set for June 24th, 2010. Course Location: Kings Forest in Hamilton. Dinner Reception: Sons of Italy Hall. Proceeds to the Juravinski Cancer Center.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our April 13th, 2010 General Meeting.

My Best Regards,

Fraternally yours,  
Ralph Vitello  
President – Sons of Italy  
Trieste Lodge, Hamilton

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### Next General Meeting

Tuesday,  
April 13, 2010  
@ 6:30 PM

# Did You Know...



## Michael Bublé, famous Canadian-Italian

Michael Bublé was born in the city of Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada to Lewis Bublé, a salmon fisherman, and his wife Amber Bublé. His first singing engagements were in nightclubs at the age of 16. They were facilitated by his Italian grandfather, a plumber originally from the small town of Preganziol, about 20 kilometres from Venice, Italy, who offered his plumbing services in exchange for stage time for his grandson. Michael's grandfather also paid for his singing

lessons. His paternal grandfather never stopped believing that he would become a star. Bublé's grandmother was also Italian, from Villa Santa Lucia degli Abruzzi, Italy.

*Submitted by Carmine E. Filice*

# Italian-Canadian Citizen of the Year 2009

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 one to two page biography of the individual you wish to nominate for Italian-Canadian Citizen of the Year.

All biographies must be sponsored by at least three individuals. Possible candidates do not have to be members of the Order Sons 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:

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**All biographies must be submitted by  
2:00 p.m. May 28th, 2010.**

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# Elections 2010/2011

I would like to remind all our members that we are approaching our annual elections at our June 8th, 2010 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. 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. Anyone looking to seek or nominate someone, please contact Br. Carmine Filice, Past-President at 905-388-5251 as soon as possible.

## Wine Tasting Contest Winners

### RED WINE

1st Peter Catenaro  
 2nd Matteo Tenance  
 3rd Enrico Di Tomasso

### Honourable Mention

Rito Rosati  
 Charlie Ferana

### WHITE WINE

1st Ferruccio Ricci  
 2nd Frank Catinella  
 3rd Frank Catinella

### ROSÉ

1st Tony Greco  
 2nd Frank Catinella  
 3rd Dominic Italiano

*Thanks to John Pellizzari of United Trophies for donating the nine trophies that were awarded.*

## Facts about Wine

- Dom Perignon (1638-1715), the Benedictine Abbey (at Hautvillers) cellar master who is generally credited with “inventing” the Champagne making process, was blind.
- To prevent a sparkling wine from foaming out of the glass, pour an ounce, which will settle quickly. Pouring the remainder of the serving into this starter will not foam as much.
- Old wine almost never turns to vinegar. It spoils by oxidation.
- In King Tut’s Egypt (around 1300 BC), the commoners drank beer and the upper class drank wine.
- According to local legend, the great French white Burgundy, Corton-Charlemagne, owes its existence, not to the emperor Charlemagne, but to his wife. The red wines of Corton stained his white beard so messily that she persuaded him to plant vines that would produce white wines. Charlemagne ordered white grapes to be planted. Thus: Corton-Charlemagne!
- When Leif Ericsson landed in North America in A.D. 1001, he was so impressed by the proliferation of grapevines that he named it Vinland.
- Cork was developed as a bottle closure in the late 17th century. It was only after this that bottles were lain down for aging, and the bottle shapes slowly changed from short and bulbous to tall and slender.
- When Mount Vesuvius buried Pompeii in volcanic lava in A.D. 79, it also buried more than 200 wine bars.



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# Upcoming Events

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

**Past President General Meeting** - Tuesday, April 13th, 2010 - Our Hall

**Roast in Honour of Frank Merolli** - Friday, April 16th, 2010 - Our Hall

**Spaghetti Supper - Proceeds to Haiti Relief Fund** - Wednesday, May 5th, 2010 - Our Hall

**General Meeting** - Tuesday, May 11th, 2010 - Our Hall

**General Meeting/Election** - Tuesday, June 8th, 2010 - Our Hall

**Golf Tournament** - Thursday, June 24th, 2010 - King's Forest Golf Club

# Sons of Italy Choir

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of the Choir's first conductor, Maestro Mariano di Benedictis. The Sons of Italy choir was honoured to participate, together with the St. Anthony's Church Choir and All Souls Church Choir at his Funeral Mass. Rest in peace.

The Sons of Italy Choir is very busy rehearsing for the coming busy season. There is still time, if you are thinking of joining our choir. Practice is every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall. You will find it very rewarding and enjoyable.

We welcome brother John Capostagno as our new Choir member. We sincerely enjoy his added voice.

Please keep Saturday, June 5th open and come and enjoy an evening of song, great food and dance at the Sons of Italy Choir's Spring Concert. The concert takes place at the Sons of Italy Hall and tickets are only \$30.00 per person. More detailed information will follow in the May "Sons of Italy" Newsletter.

We hope you all had a very happy and blessed Easter.



**Spaghetti Supper**

**Wednesday, May 5, 2010**  
499 King Street East, Hamilton, Ontario

\$10.00 per person

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