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# Sons of Italy

Trieste Lodge - Hamilton

## President's Message

May 2010



Dear Members

Spring is a time for new beginnings and a sense of renewal. Unfortunately for the people of Haiti the very basic necessities of life are an everyday challenge. Upon hearing the news of the massive earthquake that caused so much death and destruction, our organization immediately made a commitment to assist the people of Haiti in the most productive and direct way possible.

Trieste Lodge has committed 100% of revenues from the 2010 Spaghetti Supper to the St. Joseph Home for Boys in Haiti. The Hamilton Catholic School Board has had a direct relationship

with this School for over five years and we unanimously agreed that this would be a perfect fit for us to raise funds for a specific cause with assurance as to the direction of our efforts. Mr. Corrado Ciapana, Superintendent of Education for the Hamilton Catholic School Board, will be assisting us in this endeavour and I would like to extend, on behalf of the executive and members, a heart felt thank you.

At the time of printing, the Spaghetti Supper would not yet have taken place; full details will follow in the June Newsletter.

On April 16<sup>th</sup> we honoured Brother Frank Merolli, the 4<sup>th</sup> recipient of our “Roastee” award. The night was a great success, filled with music, laughter, wine and an outstanding meal. Congratulations to Brother Frank, a most deserving recipient of this honour. The evening served as a tribute to your years of service to the Sons of Italy and most importantly the community. Thank you to the event chair Brother Lewis Merolli on a job well done, and to Brother Joe Mongiardini along with his staff for preparing a fantastic dinner.

Our May General Meeting is of great significance as we nominate candidates for the June elections. If you know someone who is interested in serving on the Executive you may nominate them at this general meeting.

### Responsibilities of an Elected Trustee.

- Attend all general meetings held on the second Tuesday of every month ( Sept-June)
- Attend all Executive meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month ( Aug-June )
- Participate on at least one event committee.
- Most Importantly: Represent the Order Sons of Italy in a professional and dignified manner.

Refer to the proposed election slate for this upcoming election ( enclosed in this newsletter )

Grand Lodge will be holding its Bi Annual Convention on May 15<sup>th</sup>

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### Next General Meeting

**Tuesday,  
May 11, 2010  
@ 6:30 PM**

# President's Message Cont'd

2010 in Niagara Falls. We are looking forward to meeting with the delegates from the other lodges. The following members along with myself will be serving as delegates representing our lodge.

Robert Skaljin                      Loris Pilot Guido DiCesare                      Lewis Merolli  
Luigi Filice                              Joseph Grimaldi                              Leo Zinga

A brief summary / highlights of the meeting will be presented at our general meeting in June.

**Reminder:** Golf Tournament to be held on June 24<sup>th</sup> 2010. King's Forest Golf Club with Dinner being held at the Sons of Italy Hall. Please contact event chairs, Br. Ralph Olivieri and Br. Frank Merolli or any member of the executive for tickets or additional information.

In closing, Happy Mother's Day to all the Mom's of our organization. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our May 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 General Meeting.

My best regards to you and your families.

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

# 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 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 2:00 p.m. May 28th, 2010.**

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# Photo Gallery: Merolli Roast



Roastee Frank Merolli with National President, Josie Cumbo – surrounded by current executive and past presidents.



Frank, sporting his tommy gun, swears he's not a member of Cosa Nostra.

## Bowling

Bowling Team President Tony Giardino is pleased to report the following results for the 61st Annual 2010 Bowling Tournament held in Brantford.

**Mens:** 1st Place - Trieste Lodge Hamilton, 2nd Place - Rosini Lodge Brantford.  
Men's High Triple - Cono DiSalvo.

**Womens:** 1st & 2nd Place - Roma Imperia Lodge (Team 1 & 2).  
Women's High Triple - Sara Cascarello and High Single - Tina Destro.

## 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.

## Nominations for June Elections

**President:**  
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Leo Zinga, Lewis Merolli

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# Upcoming Events

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

**Grand Lodge Biannual Convention - Saturday, May 15th, 2010 - Niagara Falls**

**SOI Choir Spring Concert - Saturday, June 5th, 2010 - Our Hall**

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

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



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## SONS OF ITALY CHOIR PRESENTS *Spring Concert Dinner and Dance*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2010**

Door opens 5:30 p.m. • Dinner 6:00 p.m. sharp

**Sons of Italy Hall**  
499 King St. East

**Music: DJ Venditti**  
9:00 p.m. to Midnight

Tickets \$30.00 per person  
Children under 12 \$15.00

*Menu:*

Antipasto, Spaghetti al sugo, Veal spezzatino with mixed vegetables, potatoes and salad, dessert, coffee and tea

For tickets and information call: Angelo 905-388-0872, Kino 905-383-5695,  
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*Part of proceeds to go to charity*

On Thursday April 8th, The Wine Village of Stony Creek sponsored a Free Wine tasting event held at the Sons Of Italy Hall.

The wines showcased were produced from grape juices harvested from Chile. We all enjoyed the nice wines and homemade food.

Thank you Hiram, Valeria and Nancy!

In May, the Wine Village will have several different varieties of Juices and grapes from Chile available to choose from. Please visit their website for our large selection of grapes & juices for all your winemaking needs!

[www.winevillage.ca](http://www.winevillage.ca)



# Sons of Italy 2010 Golf Classic

## Thursday, June 24th, 2010

The Sons of Italy is hosting our 38th Annual Golf Tournament at King's Forest Golf Club. We would like to begin by acknowledging the past support we received from our many sponsors, volunteers and golfers.

Without this dedication, we could not have contributed to our many worthwhile charities. We hope you will consider supporting our tournament again by golfing, offering to be a sponsor or donating a prize.

The cost of this year's tournament is \$200 per golfer for lunch, golf, cart, dinner and prizes. The Cost to attend the dinner only is \$50. Hole sponsorship is \$150. Please make your cheque payable to the Sons of Italy. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in June!

The agenda for the day is as follows:

Registration	11:00 am
Golf-Shotgun Start	12:30 pm
Lunch	11:15am - 12:15pm
Cocktails	5:30 pm
Dinner	6:30 pm (Sons of Italy Hall)

Please provide the following information:

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax#: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to sponsor a hole for \$150  Yes  No

We would like to donate the following prize(s): \_\_\_\_\_

The following people will be attending:

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1) _____  | 2) _____  |
| 3) _____  | 4) _____  |
| 5) _____  | 6) _____  |
| 7) _____  | 8) _____  |
| 9) _____  | 10) _____ |
| 11) _____ | 12) _____ |

Please fax your entry to Queenston Group at 905-547-4294. Please make cheque payable to Sons of Italy and mail to 324 Queenston Rd., Hamilton, ON L8K 1H5 or call Ralph Olivieri at 905-547-2323.