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TRIESTE LODGE | HAMILTON

President's Message

JANUARY 2024



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First off, I would like to wish all members a Happy New Year and wish everyone a very healthy and prosperous 2024! I also hope that everyone's Christmas was enjoyable and filled with fun, laughter and of course plenty of good food.

We had a very entertaining and busy Christmas season within the Order starting off with a sold-out Sons of Italy Choir Christmas Dinner and Concert.

On Sunday December 10th Santa Claus visited our lodge to hand out Christmas gifts and spread cheer to approximately 70 children along with their parents and grandparents. It was a fun filled day and I wish to congratulate Br. Mirko Testa and his committee for their work on the event. Also, a special mention to Br. Joe Mongiardi for a wonderful meal that kept us nice and full, working as a great prelude for our busy Christmas season!

In keeping with our momentum, our lodge hosted two Christmas dinners with over 250 members and guests in attendance between both days, as well as a dinner dance on December 15th with many of our bowling team members in attendance.

A couple of other upcoming events are worth mentioning: On Friday January 26th, we are holding our annual Briscola tournament. This event is one of our oldest traditions that I think is very important to support. I am calling on all members to attend, even if just for the dinner. Tickets are \$25 for dinner, and \$5/person for a 2-person team

entry into the tournament. Please contact or see Brother Frank Merolli for information and tickets.

As we move into the new year, I would like to remind all members that our general meeting dinner prices have gone up. Members are now \$30, and non-members are \$35. We appreciate your understanding, as the rising costs of food are the driving force behind this change. Also, membership fees are now due and are to be remitted no later than March 31st at an unchanged cost of \$75.

The year 2024 will go down in history as a renewed beginning as we finally take possession of the Cultural Centre on January 5th. We are kicking off to what will be a wonderful year, and we ask for your patience as we navigate what will become our new facility in due time. Much work is underway as we take possession of this building, and we will provide updates as they become available.

We will be holding our general meeting on Tuesday January 9th, so please let Br. Joe Mongiardi know if you can make it by Friday January 6th.

Felice Anno Nuovo!

Fraternally Yours,
Lucas Costanzo
President, Trieste Lodge #4

January General Meeting

Reserve your attendance by
Friday, January 6th.

Call Joe Mongiardi
(289)-925-1557

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, January 9th, 2024



MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE



Cari fratelli e sorelle,

Prima di tutto, vorrei augurare a tutti i membri un felice anno nuovo e augurare a tutti un 2024 ricco di salute e felicità! Spero anche che il Natale di tutti sia stato piacevole e pieno di divertimento, risate e gioia ed ovviamente un sacco di buon cibo. Abbiamo trascorso un periodo natalizio molto

divertente e intenso all'interno dell'Ordine iniziando con una cena di Natale e un concerto del coro Sons of Italy con il tutto esaurito.

Domenica 10 Dicembre Babbo Natale ha visitato la nostra loggia per distribuire regali di Natale e diffondere allegria a circa 70 bambini insieme ai loro genitori e nonni. È stata una giornata piena di divertimento e desidero congratularmi con fr. Mirko Testa e il suo comitato per il lavoro svolto sull'evento. Inoltre, una menzione speciale a Fratello Joe Mongiardi per il pasto meraviglioso, che ci ha tenuto sazi, fungendo da ottimo preludio per il nostro periodo natalizio intenso! In particolare, la nostra loggia ha ospitato due cene di Natale con oltre 250 membri e ospiti presenti tra i due giorni, in aggiunta ad una "dinner dance" il 15 Dicembre alla presenza di molti membri della nostra squadra di bowling. Un ringraziamento speciale a Joe Mongiardi e lo staff per aver preparato e servito questi deliziosi pasti!

Vogliamo inoltre menzionare un paio di altri eventi importanti nel nuovo anno: Venerdì 26 Gennaio si terrà il nostro torneo annuale di Briscola. Questo evento è una delle nostre tradizioni più longeve che ritengo sia molto importante sostenere. Invito tutti i membri a partecipare, anche se solo per la cena. I biglietti costano \$ 20 per la cena e \$ 5 a persona per l'ingresso in squadra di 2 persone nel torneo. Per informazioni e biglietti potete rivolgervi a Fratello Frank Merolli.

Mentre ci avviciniamo al nuovo anno, vorrei ricordare a tutti i membri che i prezzi per la nostra cena dell'assemblea generale sono aumentati. I biglietti ora

costano \$ 30 per i membri e \$35 per i non membri. Apprezziamo la vostra comprensione a riguardo, poiché l'aumento dei costi del cibo è la forza trainante di questo cambiamento.

A seguire le « membership fees » sono ora dovute e devono essere versate entro il 31 Marzo ad un costo invariato di \$ 75.

L'anno 2024 passerà alla storia come un rinnovato inizio in cui finalmente prenderemo possesso del Centro Culturale a partire dal 5 Gennaio. Stiamo dando il via a quello che sarà un anno meraviglioso e chiediamo la vostra pazienza mentre pianifichiamo lo spostamento in quella che diventerà la nostra nuova struttura a tempo debito.

Ci sarà molto lavoro da fare e forniremo aggiornamenti non appena saranno disponibili.

Martedì 9 Gennaio terremo la nostra assemblea generale, quindi per favore informate fr. Joe Mongiardi della vostra presenza entro Venerdì 6 Gennaio.

Felice Anno Nuovo!

Fraternamente Vostro,
Lucas Costanzo
Presidente

Mark your Calendar

January General Meeting	Tues, January 9, 2024
Briscola Card Night	Fri, January 26th, 2024
February General Meeting	Tues, February 13, 2024

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THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY CHOIR

After the covid slowdown, the Choir is back performing at different functions throughout the community.

The Choir's annual " Christmas Concert, Dinner and Dance" was, once again, a Sold Out event.

This year the Choir, through the Lucia Sanmartin Memorial fund, awarded \$1000.00 to the Holy Name of Jesus Elementary School Music program. This award should help many young children discover the love of music.

Our thanks to the many donors that donated to the fund. The award, on behalf of the Holy name of Jesus, was received by Principal Lisa St. Rubin, Vice principal Dan Pereira, and Music Teacher Concetta Roche-Kobernyk.

On Dec.3, The Choir participated at the Smith's Funeral Home Christmas Memorial Service, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hwy#8 Winona.

On Dec. 13, the Choir was also part of the Yearly Christmas Concert, at St. Anthony's Church, put on by the Associazione Abruzzese di Hamilton.

We hope that the Success of the Choir continues throughout the new year and we wish a very successful 2024 to the Sons and Daughters of Italy Executives.

This is an especially exciting time with the New Italian Center. All the members of the Trieste Lodge are behind you 100%, and the Choir is also looking forward to starting rehearsals in the new location.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, and a successful 2024.

Angelo Venditti and the Sons and Daughters of Italy Choir



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Tombola Winner - Magdoline Filice



Children's Christmas Party



Children's Christmas Party



Children's Christmas Party



Children's Christmas Party



Bowling Christmas Dinner Dance

OSDIC STUDENT/YOUNG ADULT TRIP TO ITALY

"AN ITALIAN ADVENTURE: A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY THROUGH HISTORY & CULTURE"

There is an opportunity for students/young adults to travel to Italy to explore the rich history and culture of Italy. The Order Sons & Daughters of Italy of Canada would like to encourage young people to not only become interested in their Italian culture but also become involved as a member of this great organization which celebrates our rich Italian heritage.

1. The tentative date for the trip will be Spring 2024 - Date TBD.
2. There would be 10-14 participants. Students/young adults would be between 18-24.
3. The Lodges will use similar criteria to our Scholarship Award. The applicants should be a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, niece or nephew of a member. The goal would be to have each Lodge to select 2 participants. The respective Lodges may request an essay of what this experience would mean to them.
4. The Italian Government will subsidize the 7-day cultural and educational trip to Italy. The subsidy would cover hotel accommodations (usually 2 per room,) entrance to major sites such as the Colosseum, the Vatican and Museums, and guides who speak both Italian and English. The trip would include all breakfasts and dinners.

For more information, contact Br. Joe Monachino at 905-807-5639.

BRISCOLA CARD NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

Sons Of Italy Hall

For tickets, and to register, please contact Br. Frank Merolli.

Admission: \$25.00 • Briscola Tournament: \$5.00
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