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President's Message

FEBRUARY 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters, I hope you have all enjoyed what I would like to call the "Cured Meat Season". Many of our members have been tirelessly working this past January to create their own wonderful homemade salumi for family and friends to enjoy alike.

Being of Italian descent, we pride ourselves in these wonderful delicacies that unite us in our "food language" so to speak. This past month Br. Mike Bozzo hosted a Soppresata making workshop for those in the community looking to hone in on their craft, and set out to make award winning Soppresata that could potentially be entered into our contest later on this year! We had hoped to hold an event for SDOI members, however with low enrollment and a tight timetable, we are looking forward to January 2024 where we can attempt a class again under Br. Mike's tutelage.

Not only were people busy making their revered salumi, but they were also busy eating as well! We had a stellar turnout for our January meeting with roughly 120 guests in attendance. This is surely to be a record event for the month of January! Let us keep this momentum as we enter the coming months.

We also held a very successful Briscola Card Night, with a special thank you to Br. Frank and Br. Lewis Merolli for coordinating the event. Naturally, with every successful event, we are thankful to our Br. Joe Mongiardi and his staff for creating wonderful meals that keep our heart content and belly full.

Speaking of general meetings, we have an important meeting this upcoming **Tuesday February 7th at 6pm** at our hall. Typically, in February, we have our Parent - Child event, but for this particular month we will

postpone this component of the evening as we have an exciting opportunity that has come to light in the last few weeks. I would ask that members be prompt for this upcoming dinner meeting as we have quite a bit to discuss.

Our dinner will resume as usual, but the meeting portion will consist of one topic that I am sure will be of interest to all members. I would ask those who are attending the dinner to please leave time to hear what the executive has been working on in conjunction with our Housing and Villa boards.

The future of our lodge looks bright, not only in our ability to assist those in the community, but also in our cultural and social capacity moving forward.

A gentle reminder to all members that membership dues for this year are due no later than **March 31st** at a fee of \$75 for the year.

In keeping with our new tradition, I would ask all of those looking to attend this meeting to please RSVP to Br. Joe Mongiardi no later than **Friday February 3rd**.

I look forward to gathering once again for a wonderful meal, and riveting discussion into the month of February.

Fraternally Yours,
Lucas Costanzo
President, Trieste Lodge #4

February General Meeting

Reserve your attendance by
Friday, February 3rd.

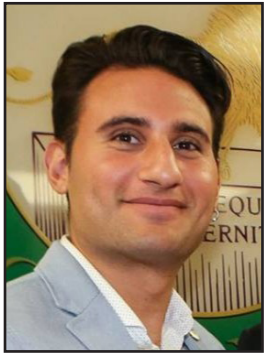
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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, February 7th, 2023



MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE



Spero che vi sia piaciuta quella che vorrei chiamare la "stagione dei salumi", molti dei nostri membri hanno lavorato instancabilmente lo scorso Gennaio per creare i loro meravigliosi salumi fatti in casa per la famiglia e gli amici. Essendo di origine italiana, siamo orgogliosi di queste meravigliose prelibatezze che ci uniscono nella nostra "lingua del cibo" per

così dire. Lo scorso mese fr. Mike Bozzo ha ospitato un seminario sulla creazione di Soppresata per coloro che nella comunità desiderano affinare il proprio mestiere e si è proposto di realizzare una Soppresata vincitrice di premi che potrebbe potenzialmente essere inserita nel nostro concorso entro la fine dell'anno! Speravamo di organizzare un evento per i membri SDOI, tuttavia con poche iscrizioni e un calendario serrato, non vediamo l'ora che arrivi Gennaio 2024, dove potremo tentare di nuovo una lezione sotto la tutela di Mike.

Non solo le persone erano impegnate a preparare i loro venerati salumi, ma erano anche impegnate a mangiare! Abbiamo avuto un'affluenza stellare per il nostro incontro di Gennaio con circa 120 ospiti presenti. Questo sarà sicuramente un evento record per il mese di gennaio! Vorremmo mantenere questo slancio mentre entriamo nei prossimi mesi.

Abbiamo anche tenuto una Briscola Card Night di grande successo, con un ringraziamento speciale a fr. Frank e fr. Lewis Merolli per aver coordinato l'evento. Naturalmente, per ogni evento di successo, siamo grati al nostro fr. Joe Mongiardi e il suo staff per aver creato pasti meravigliosi che mantengono il nostro cuore contento e la pancia piena.

A proposito di assemblee generali, abbiamo un incontro importante questo prossimo Martedì 7 Febbraio alle 18:00 presso la nostra sala. In genere, a Febbraio, abbiamo il nostro evento Genitore - Figlio, ma per questo particolare mese posticiperemo questa parte della serata, poiché abbiamo un'opportunità entusiasmante che è venuta alla luce nelle ultime

settimane. Vorrei chiedere ai membri di essere pronti per questa prossima cena, poiché abbiamo parecchio di cui discutere.

La nostra cena riprenderà come di consueto, ma la parte della riunione consisterà in un argomento che sono sicuro interesserà tutti i membri. Vorrei chiedere a coloro che parteciperanno alla cena di mettere da parte il giusto tempo per essere al corrente su cosa ha lavorato l'esecutivo in collaborazione con i nostri consigli di amministrazione di alloggi e ville.

Il futuro della nostra loggia sembra luminoso, non solo nella nostra capacità di assistere i membri della comunità, ma anche nella nostra capacità culturale e sociale di andare avanti.

In linea con la nostra nuova tradizione, vorrei chiedere a tutti coloro che desiderano partecipare a questo incontro di contattare fr. Joe Mongiardi entro e non oltre Venerdì 3 Febbraio. Un gentile promemoria a tutti i membri che le quote associative per quest'anno devono essere versate entro e non oltre il 31 Marzo, con una quota di \$ 75 per l'anno.

Non vedo l'ora di riunirmi ancora una volta per un pasto meraviglioso e una discussione avvincente nel mese di Febbraio.

Fraternamente vostro,
Lucas Costanzo
Presidente, Trieste Lodge #4

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SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY CHOIR

I thought I'd share a note of the impact the "Sons and Daughters of Italy Choir" has on the community.

Below is part of a letter from a woman named Lisa. Her father resided at Carlisle retirement on Main St. East Hamilton.

"My dad enjoyed the entertainment so much, especially the Sons and Daughters of Italy Choir. He looked forward to that!"

Music touched him deeply, something that did not diminish as his dementia took more and more of his brain and body. I wanted you to know that among the CD's we played for him were the Sons of Italy Choir Christmas CD he purchased in his earlier years.

Whenever the Sons and Daughters of Italy choir was to perform, I would circle it on his monthly calendar. Dad enjoyed the Choir's live performances, and when a solo was sung it reminded him of the time he used to sing in a choir.

When Lorien played the flute, he loved that, and Dad thought Geoff was very talented on the piano. In addition to being talented, the Choir members were also quite personable including mingling with the retirement home residents after performances."

Br. Angelo Venditti



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March General Meeting	Tues, March 14, 2023
April General Meeting	Tues, April 11, 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM ST. MATTHEWS HOUSE

To all our friends at The Sons and Daughters of Italy,

We saw a bright light shine through this past holiday season. A large part of that was because of the generosity shown to us by The Sons and Daughters of Italy. The space we were so graciously donated ensured that our agency could support over 800 households! The funds that we would have spent on renting another location meant that we could purchase extra grocery gift cards for families and seniors. 426 families and 421 seniors reached out to us for support this year, but we also saw an overwhelming response to wanting to help. Reaching out and wanting to support our community meant that together we made this season a little bit more magical for some.

We just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for everything!

Madeleine Bond, Development Co-ordinator - St. Matthews House



BRISCOLA CARD NIGHT

We had over 100 people turn out to our annual Briscola Tournament, the first one held since 2020. We had a full tournament slate of 16 teams, with some experienced players and some new comers. Special thanks to Frank Merolli for organizing the tournament, and Joe Mongiardi and his staff for preparing the dinner.

Congrats to our winners Franco Mele & Sergio Giusti.



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