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## President's Message

NOVEMBER 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
I trust you have all had an eventful October and are ready for an action-packed November here at our lodge!

First off, I would like to commend Br. Joe Mongiardi, and his team for another successful Spaghetti Supper Take-Out that took place on Thursday October 19th. The

food was plentiful as per usual, and we are happy to announce a profit of \$1,200 that will be donated to the YMCA. Special thank you to Br. Mirko Testa for his leadership with this event.

At the end of October our lodge hosted a dinner dance in honour of our dear Br. Jack Marchese for all of his wonderful accomplishments in our Italian-Canadian community. It was a truly momentous occasion, and we thank Jack for his countless contributions over the many years. Special thanks to Br. Joe Mongiardi for an amazing meal and Br. Lewis Merolli for facilitating this event.

In keeping with this momentum, we are proud to announce that we have over 20 individuals who are slated to become members at our November meeting.

A few items of interest in the coming weeks and months that I want to pay special attention to. First and foremost, Brother Tony Giardino has been organizing our Memorial Mass for many years, and this year is no different. We are holding a memorial mass with brunch afterwards at our hall on Sunday November 12th. Mass will be held at St Anthony of Padua on Barton Street at 11am. Please contact Brother Tony if you will be attending so we can plan the brunch accordingly. He can be reached at 905-541-5537. Please support Brother Tony's efforts by attending this year.

Following this event, on Tuesday November 14th we are having our monthly general meeting, which will also be our initiation meeting as mentioned. I would ask all of those who are planning on attending, to confirm their attendance to Br. Joe Mongiardi no later than Thursday, November 9th so that he may plan accordingly. I would ask if we can show these new members a sign of our support by attending the meeting.

Also, you will see that there is a tear-off portion of the newsletter for our Children's Christmas Party, which will be held on Sunday December 10th at our hall. Doors will open at 12pm, with lunch served at 1pm. I encourage all members with children and grandchildren to take part in such a wonderful event! Each child is \$15, with a maximum of 4 adults per child. Please reach out to Br. Mirko Testa, whose contact information is in the bulletin for more information and ticket sales.

As mentioned, we have an action-packed month, with a busy December on the horizon. We look forward to your continued support with our events, and we will see you at the general meeting!

Fraternally Yours,  
Lucas Costanzo  
President, Trieste Lodge #4

### November General Meeting

Reserve your attendance by  
**Thursday, November 9th.**

Call Joe Mongiardi  
(289)-925-1557

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, November 14th, 2023**



## MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE



Cari fratelli e sorelle,  
Confido che tutti voi abbiate trascorso un Ottobre ricco di eventi e che siate pronti per un Novembre ricco di iniziative qui alla nostra loggia!

Innanzitutto vorrei elogiare fr. Joe Mongiardi e il suo team per un'altra Spaghetti Supper Take-Out di successo che ha avuto

luogo giovedì 19 Ottobre. Il cibo era in abbondanza come al solito e siamo lieti di annunciare un profitto di \$ 1.200 che sarà donato all'YMCA. Un ringraziamento speciale a fr. Mirko Testa per la sua navigazione e leadership in questo evento.

Alla fine di Ottobre, la nostra loggia ha organizzato una cena in onore del nostro caro fr. Jack Marchese, per tutti i suoi meravigliosi risultati nei confronti della nostra comunità italo-canadese. È stata un'occasione davvero importante e ringraziamo Jack per i suoi innumerevoli contributi nel corso di questi anni. Un ringraziamento speciale a fr. Joe Mongiardi per il pasto fantastico e fr. Lewis Merolli per aver facilitato questo evento.

È evidente che i nostri membri sono estremamente orgogliosi dei nostri risultati e desiderano un successo continuo. In support a tutto ciò, siamo orgogliosi di annunciare che abbiamo più di 20 persone che diventeranno membri alla nostra riunione di Novembre.

Vi sono alcuni elementi di interesse nelle prossime settimane e mesi a cui voglio prestare particolare attenzione. Innanzitutto, Fr. Tony Giardino organizza da molti anni la nostra Messa commemorativa, e quest'anno non sarà da meno. Domenica 12 Novembre si terrà una messa commemorativa con successivo brunch nella nostra sala. La messa si terrà alle 11 nella chiesa di Sant'Antonio da Padova a Barton Street. Se parteciperete, vi preghiamo di contattare Fr. Tony in modo da poter pianificare il brunch. Tony può essere contattato al numero 905-541-5537. Vi preghiamo di

sostenere gli sforzi di fr. Tony partecipandovi.

In seguito, Martedì 14 Novembre avremo la nostra assemblea generale mensile, che sarà anche la nostra riunione di iniziazione, come accennato. Vorrei chiedere a tutti coloro che intendono partecipare di confermare la propria presenza a fr. Joe Mongiardi entro giovedì 9 Novembre in modo che possa pianificare di conseguenza. Vorrei chiedere se possiamo mostrare a questi nuovi membri un segno del nostro sostegno partecipando alla riunione.

Inoltre, vedrete che è disponibile uno strappo della newsletter per la nostra Festa di Natale dei Bambini, che si terrà domenica 10 Dicembre presso la nostra sala. Le porte apriranno alle 12:00, con il pranzo servito alle 13:00. Incoraggio tutti i membri con figli e nipoti a prendere parte a un evento così meraviglioso! Ogni bambino ha un costo di \$ 15, con un massimo di 4 adulti per bambino. Per favore, contattate fr. Mirko Testa, il cui contatto è nel bollettino per maggiori informazioni e vendita dei biglietti.

Come accennato, abbiamo un mese ricco di eventi, con un Dicembre impegnativo all'orizzonte. Attendiamo con impazienza il vostro continuo supporto con i nostri eventi e ci vediamo all'assemblea generale!

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## BOWLING DINNER DANCE

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The annual Bowling Christmas Dinner Dance will be held on Friday, December 15th at the hall. \$65. per person, all inclusive. For more details, or to reserve, contact Vincenza Wood at 905-929-7600.

## OSDIC STUDENT/YOUNG ADULT TRIP TO ITALY

### “AN ITALIAN ADVENTURE: A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY THROUGH HISTORY & CULTURE”

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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 May 24, 2024 – June 1, 2024.
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.

## HOUSING CORPORATION - CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS

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We're seeking dedicated individuals to join the Housing Corporation Board of the Sons & Daughters of Italy (Hamilton). The Housing Corporation operates five subsidized housing projects to meet the needs of families, seniors, and persons with disabilities. These projects include 349 apartments and 146 family homes and townhouses. Working with agencies such as the March of Dimes and the Visiting Homemakers Association, the Housing Corporation has introduced innovative supportive housing programs for a variety of groups over the years.

**Skills Needed:** To ensure the continued success of our projects and the seamless transition to our new facility and club location, we are specifically looking for individuals skilled in areas such as facility management, project relocation, financial planning, and community development.

**Commitment:** Board members are expected to actively participate by attending 5-6 meetings annually, typically scheduled every other month. The board generally does not convene during the summer months unless there are exceptional circumstances or urgent matters that require attention.


**Nomination Process:** If you or someone you know possesses these valuable skills and is passionate about community service, please nominate them by forwarding their details to Rob Skaljin at robert.skaljin@td.com.

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# Children's Christmas Party

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2023**  
**SONS OF ITALY HALL**



Please complete the form and return no later than November 17, 2023 with your cheque made payable to Sons of Italy (Children's Christmas Party) to:

Joe Mongiardi, 499 King St. East, Hamilton, ON L8N 1G1  
 Phone: 289-925-1557

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**\*Limit 4 adults per child. Doors open at 12-4pm.**

## NEW FACILITY UPDATE

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I am excited to share with the membership an update regarding the Hamilton Italian Centre (HIC) project that we announced back in April 2023.

This project has been initiated through the support of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy Hamilton Community Group of organizations, which consists of the SDI Hamilton Trieste Lodge, SDI Hamilton Housing Corporation, and the SDI Hamilton Charitable Corporation at Villa Italia.

The Hamilton Italian Centre (HIC) will be led by a new corporation known as the Sons and Daughters of Italy Hamilton Community Corporation. To start, the new corporation's board consists of equal representation from each of the three existing boards and will be supported by 6 committees involving 30+ community volunteers.

We take possession of the 420 Crerar Drive property (currently known as Guido De Bres High School) on Friday January 5th, 2024.

Over the course of 2024 -2026 we will be developing and rolling out programming for a multi-generational gathering space. The Centre's purpose will include promoting Italian Canadian culture, celebrating Hamilton Italian history, and offering space to community partners focused in the areas of business networking, health, and family services, as well as social, educational, and athletic programming.

The Centre will also become the new home for the Sons and Daughters of Italy Hamilton Trieste Lodge and will include a café/osteria and banquet facilities. The Hamilton Italian Centre will be open to the broader community interested in partnerships and/or for hosting their own meetings and events.

Through the newsletter, and the lodge's monthly meetings, we look forward to continuing to provide ongoing updates to the membership, and the broader community, on our progress. Furthermore, we are building out a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page on our website which will act as a resource and to address your questions.

We value creating a space inclusive of all ages, backgrounds, and community organizations. Italians have a saying, "Tutti a tavola", meaning "everyone at the table" – our hope is that this philosophy extends to the Centre's visitors and community partners.

On behalf of the board, a huge thank you all to the board and community volunteers who have stepped up over the past nine months. We have a lot of heavy lifting to do over the next few years. However, I am confident that the team assembled will make the Hamilton Italian Centre a premier facility serving our community and one that exemplifies the long-standing values of the Order Sons and Daughter of Italy of Hamilton.

Regards,  
Rob Skaljin  
Chair SDI Community Corporation



# THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MAJORANA

This past summer and fall, popular media has been filled with references to Oppenheimer as a result of the recent blockbuster film. Majorana was a contemporary of Oppenheimer and mysteriously disappeared in March 1938. This event was the inspiration for a novel by renowned Sicilian writer Leonardo Sciascia. That book was adapted for the stage by Sciascia's eldest grandson Fabrizio Catalano. He will be joining us for this historic presentation.

The cast and crew are coming from Italy. This play has toured the world. This presentation is in Italian with English subtitles. Please see further details in the links below.

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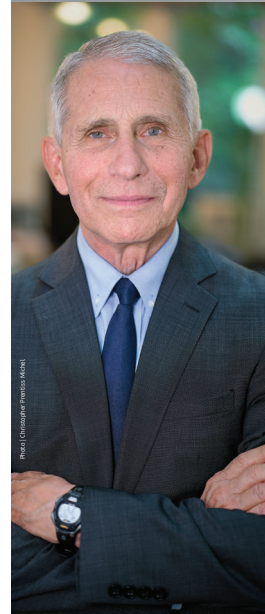


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Memorial Mass (St. Anthony's)*	Sun, November 12, 2023
November General Meeting	Tues, November 14, 2023
SOI FC Awards Dinner	Fri, November 17, 2023
Choir Dinner Dance	Sat, December 2, 2023
Children's Christmas Party	Sun, December 10, 2023
Members Christmas Dinner	Tues, Dec. 12th & Wed, Dec. 13th, 2023
Christmas Bowling Dinner Dance	Fri, December 15th, 2023
January General Meeting	Tues, January 9, 2024
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