# **President's Message**

MAY 2019



ear Brothers and Sisters:
As I wind down my first
year as President of the
Trieste Lodge, I cannot help but
notice we are in the midst of renewal
within our Order. We have officially
launched our Strategic Board whom
have been already at work. We
initiated 13 new members into our
lodge last month. We also sold out
our elimination draw and had a very

successful Soppressata Dinner. These signs tell me that there is a renewed focus and interest within our organization and the many good works we do within the community.

I was very pleased to see the number of new members we initiated at April's general meeting. We had a very good cross section of candidates, both men and women, young and/or experienced. Some have joined for the simple fact of meeting once per month to enjoy dinner with friends. Others have joined to get involved with our charitable activities. Others have joined simply to belong to an organization that promotes their Italian heritage. Whatever the reason, we should welcome these new members into the fold and make them feel at home. Again, my congratulations to all members that have joined our ranks.

As mentioned earlier, we held our annual Soppressata Dinner and Elimination Draw. Both were very successful, and we broke a record in selling out our Elimination Draw. I personally bought the 200th ticket – although it didn't serve me very well as I believe my ticket was pulled out and eliminated in the first round. Congratulations to the winners of the draw and

thank you for your continued support. Congratulations to the entrants and winners of our Sopressatta Contest, with Teresa Bozzo taking first place. A couple of special acknowledgements are required here as well. Firstly, thank you to Past President Lou Filice for organizing the Soppressata Dinner and Contest. Secondly, a very special and heartfelt thank you to Past President Luciano Cavallin for selling ninety-two (92!) elimination draw tickets. I know Luciano personally went and hand delivered and collected money for the draw on his own time. That raised \$4600 towards our charity budget. Excellent work and again thank you for your efforts.

The Trieste Lodge delegates (Lou Filice, Loris Pilot, Tony Giardino, Lucas Constanzo, Jessica Petrunti, Richard Mossuto) and I as President of the Trieste Lodge will be attending the National Convention on May 31st-June 2nd. This year's convention is in Kelowna, and there is very important business to discuss. One of the big items is a resolution being put forward to operate under the "Order Sons and Daughters of Italy of Canada". After the convention I will advise the membership of the any new business or resolutions that arose during the convention.

In May's General meeting we will be opening the floor to nominations for the executive elections being held in June. If you wish to nominate someone for a position, please do so at that meeting as nominations will be closed in May and cannot be made in June unless there is a vacant position. Looking forward to seeing everything there!

Fraternally yours, Lewis Merolli

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, May 14, 2019

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## Messaggio Del Presidente



ari fratelli e sorelle, Mentre procinto in completare il mio primo anno da Presidente della Loggia di Trieste, non posso fare a meno di notare che siamo nel bel mezzo di un rinnovamento all'interno del nostro Ordine. Abbiamo ufficialmente lanciato il nostro consiglio strategico che era già al lavoro. Abbiamo dato il benvenuto a 13 nuovi membri nel nostro club il mese scorso. Abbiamo

anche esaurito i biglietti per il nostro sorteggio ad eliminazione e abbiamo avuto una gran cena all'insegna della Soppressata di grande successo. Questi segnali mi dicono che c'è una rinnovata attenzione e interesse all'interno della nostra organizzazione verso le molte buone opere che facciamo all'interno della comunità.

Mi ha fatto molto piacere vedere il numero di nuovi membri che abbiamo accettato nell'assemblea generale di Aprile. Abbiamo avuto una buona rappresentanza nelle varie fascie di appartenenza, uomini e donne, giovani e / o esperti. Alcuni si sono uniti per il semplice fatto di incontrarsi una volta al mese per godersi la cena con gli amici. Altri si sono uniti per partecipare alle nostre attività di beneficenza. Altri si sono uniti semplicemente per appartenere a un'organizzazione che promuove il loro patrimonio italiano. Qualunque sia la ragione, dovremmo sempre accogliere questi nuovi membri e farli sentire a casa. Ancora una volta, le mie congratulazioni a tutti i membri che si sono uniti ai nostri ranghi.

Come accennato in precedenza, abbiamo organizzato la cena della Soppressata e il sorteggio ad eliminizatione annuale. Entrambi hanno avuto molto successo e abbiamo battuto un record nel vendere il nostro sorteggio. Ho acquistato personalmente il 200esimo biglietto, anche se non mi è servito, poiché il mio biglietto e' stato estratto ed eliminato nel primo turno. Congratulazioni ai vincitori del sorteggio e grazie per il vostro continuo supporto. Congratulazioni ai partecipanti e ai vincitori del nostro concorso della Sopressatta, con Teresa Bozzo al primo posto. E' altrettanto importante condividere un paio di riconoscimenti speciali. In primo luogo, grazie all'ex Presidente Lou Filice per aver organizzato la Soppressata Dinner and Contest. In secondo luogo, un ringraziamento molto speciale e sentito all'ex Presidente Luciano Cavallin per aver venduto novantadue (92!) Biglietti per l'estrazione. So' che Luciano ha raccolto i soldi per l'estrazione personalemente. Tutto ciò ha contribuito a \$ 4600 verso il nostro budget di beneficenza. Ottimo lavoro e ancora grazie per i tuoi sforzi.

I delegati della loggia triestina (Lou Filice, Loris Pilot, Tony Giardino, Lucas Constanzo, Jessica Petrunti, Richard Mossuto) ed io come presidente parteciperanno alla Convention nazionale il 31 Maggio-2 Giugno. La convention di quest'anno è a Kelowna e ci sono affari importanti da discutere. Uno dei grandi argomenti è una risoluzione che viene proposta per operare sotto il "Ordine Figli e Figlie dell'Italia del Canada". Dopo la convention, consiglierò l'adesione a qualsiasi nuova attività o risoluzione sorte durante la convention.

Nell'assemblea generale di Maggio daremo spazio ad eventuali nuove nomine per le elezioni esecutive che si terranno a Giugno. Se si desidera nominare qualcuno per una posizione, si prega di farlo in quella riunione in quanto le nomine saranno chiuse a Maggio e non potranno essere fatte a Giugno a meno che non ci sia una posizione vacante. Non vedo l'ora di rivedervi tutti al prossimo meeting.

Fraternamente, Lewis Merolli



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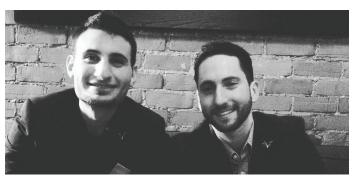
# **SOI** Choir Updates: **30th Anniversary**



'n celebrating the Sons of Italy Choir's 30th Anniversary, a special celebration will be held on Saturday June 1, 2019, at the SOI Hall, 499 King St, East, Hamilton. With our Special Guests, Sabatino Vacca, former Choir's pianist and conductor, Stephanie DeCiantis- Soprano and Corey Arnold - Tenor.

As always the evening will be a night of Great food, Music and Dance. Tickets will be limited to 170 people at \$40.00 per person. For tickets or information call Angelo Venditti: 905-388-0872 or Gelindo: 905-547-3954.

# La Vita E' Bella Radio Show - CFMU 93.3 FM



ari Fratelli e Sorelle! We would like to invite and remind you to tune in with our very own local Italian radio show "La Vita e' Bella" based out of the CFMU Studios at McMaster University with VJ Stefano & VJ Luca. Live every Sunday from 12.00 P.M to 1.00 P.M on 93.3 FM! You can also stream the show online on the official CFMU website cfmu.msumcmaster.ca and a recorded piece will be posted on the official facebook page www.facebook.com/vjstefano. Like the page to get updates on beautiful news, events and pictures!

La Vita e' Bella is a radio show created with the intention to entertain and support the Italian community in Hamilton and surroundings and in particular those part of the Sons of Italy Trieste Lodge with updates with upcoming events and special announcements, it strives to maintain and spread the Italian language, traditions and culture facing extinction in today's Canadian society. The topics vary from medicine to science, sports to cinema, cooking to literature and much more. Given the particular nature of the target audience the music played mirrors such peculiarity with music that ranges from the 50's up until today.

Any member interested in getting involved with the show or that would like to make any type of requests from dedicating a song for a special event as a birthday/anniversary or to discuss about a particular important event is more than welcome to contact Br. Steven Zecchin via e-mail stevenzecchin@gmail. com or directly via phone at 289-925-4362.





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# **Sons of Italy Golf Classic**

Thursday, June 20th, 2019

he Sons of Italy is hosting our 47th Annual Golf Tournament at Glendale Golf and Country Club. For more than 40 years, the Annual Charity Golf Classic has helped our lodge raise tens of thousands of dollars for various charities. Without the dedication of our volunteers, sponsors and golfers, we could not have contributed to our many worthwhile charities. This year's proceeds benefit the Juravinski Cancer Centre Foundation. 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 \$225 per golfer all inclusive, which includes lunch, golf, cart, dinner and prizes. The cost to attend the dinner only is \$50 (dinner to be held at Sons of Italy Hall). Hole sponsorship is \$150. Other sponsorships available, promoting your business as a support of our Order and to the local community. Please see anyone on the golf committee for more

information. 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 10:30 am Lunch 11:00am - 11:55pm Golf-Shotgun Start 12:00 pm Cocktails 5:00 pm (Sons of Italy Hall) Dinner 6:00 pm (Sons of Italy Hall)

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## **General Meeting** Dinner Pricing and Etiquette

Our monthly General Meetings begin at 7pm sharp and doors open at exactly 6pm. **Dinner pricing for members is \$20 and guest pricing is \$25 at the door.** All members and guests must sign in at the door with an executive member before entering the hall. Please be patient with us at the door as we have been implementing a new sign-in process that will allow us to better manage and track our dinner attendance for years to come. Please contact the executive if you have any questions.



## **Need a Ride** to our Monthly Meetings?

If you are willing to pick up a fellow brother or sister and drive them to general meetings or if you would like to attend a general meeting but are unable to drive, please contact Lewis Merolli @ 905-515-7276 or Joe Mongiardi @ 289-925-1557. We will do our best to accommodate all requests.



## 2019 Membership Dues

Just a reminder that ALL membership dues were to be paid in full by MARCH 31st. If you still have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible. Dues are \$75.00 and can be paid in person using cash or cheque at our general meetings, by mail, or by visiting our website under the "payments page" using PayPal. Please contact the executive if you have any questions.



## Congratulations to our **Newest Members!**

As is our custom, this past April we initiated 13 new members at our general meeting. The executive wishes to congratulate the new members that were initiated, and ask our membership to give them a warm Sons of Italy welcome.

New Members: Paolo Fidanza, Don Collina, Joe Petrunti, Santo Mancuso, Marco De Bartolo, Fiorello Liberatore, Raffaele Mancuso, Valdemiro Muniz, Sandra Licata, Joseph Mancuso, Dave Antonucci, Angela Desantis, John Mauro







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## 2019 Soppressata Night











## 2019 Briscola Tournament



The Sons of Italy Card Night took place on February 1st; the event was well organized and well attended. The evening started with a fantastic dinner, with card games between courses. After dinner the tournament entered its final stages and the friendly competition began to grow.

This year's winners were John Rosa and Franco Mele. A special thank you goes out to all that came out and enjoyed an evening of food and games; as well as event organizer Frank Merolli, cook Joe Mongiardi, and all those that helped out.



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## **Election Slate** 2019/20

Reminder all our members that we are approaching our annual election time. Our general election for the Sons of Italy Executive will take place during our June 11th 2019 meeting. As past-president it is my responsibility to prepare an election slate. The election slate will be finalized during our May 14th 2019 general meeting. I encourage our current executive to run for re-election and our membership to seek a position, as it is a privilege and rewarding experience to serve our order and most importantly our community. Anyone looking or seeking nomination or would like to nominate an individual, please contact myself for further discussion. Just a reminder, some criteria/ responsibilities of being a board member include:

- Member in good standing
- Attend 2 meetings every month: 2nd Tuesday General Meeting & 4th Tuesday Executive Meeting
- Must participate on a minimum 2 committees. In the interim, I have prepared the following Slate of

Candidates for the June 2019 Election.

Fraternally yours, Loris Pilot, Past-President Trieste Lodge

### Election Slate 2019/20

### **President**

Lewis Merolli / Lucas Costanzo

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## Mark your Calendar

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

Annual Bowling Tournament	Sat, May 11, 2019
May General Meeting	Tue, May 14, 2019
Bowling Banquet Dinner & Dance	Sat, May 18, 2019
SOI Choir 30th Anniversary Concert Dinner & Dance	Sat, Jun 1, 2019
June General Meeting & Elections	Tue, Jun 11, 2019
Annual Charity Golf Tournament	Thurs, June 20, 2019



The Sons of Italy Trieste Lodge wishes everyone a

# Happy Victoria Day!





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