President's Message

APRII 2019



spring is now in the air and this was evident to me at our last general meeting on March 12th. After a brutal winter, I think many of us took the opportunity of a sunny day to head outdoors. We ultimately had approximately 140 members and guests attend the dinner and meeting afterwards. It was wonderful to see many faces we haven't seen in a while

along with some new individuals looking to join our lodge. I am hopeful this is a trend that will continue!

On Saturday March 30th we celebrated the last 4 presidents of our lodge, Robert Skaljin, Guido DiCesare, Lou Filice and Loris Pilot with a 'Roast' style comedy night headlined by our friend and comedian Frank Spadone. We had a packed hall, enjoyed a great meal and a few drinks (a few too many according to Joe Mongiardi), and shared some great laughs. It was a great night, with a special thanks to all that attended, and to Joe Mongiardi and his 'ladies'. Speaking of that, I think it is time we mention the names of the kitchen staff, and personally thank them for their hard work. A special thank you to Lisa, Anna, Victoria and Rosa for preparing one of the best meals in the city. Also a thank you to the wait staff and to Nada serving drinks all night at the bar.

On April 25th we are holding our Sopressata dinner and are drawing the tickets for the Elimination Draw. I am asking for our members support for both causes. 100% of the proceeds

from these events get donated to local charities. Please see myself for your elimination draw ticket, and Brother Lou Filice for the Sopressata dinner tickets. Tickets this year for the elimination draw are \$50/each and for the dinner \$40/each.

I am extremely pleased to announce the inaugural Strategic Board members have been selected. A special thank you to Chair Frank Attardo for his hard work and determination getting this endeavour off the ground. Congratulations to the Strategic Board Members: David Sebastianutti, Teresa Giglia, Sandra Licata, Tony Cipolla, Philip Cumbo, Dr. John Capone, Guido DiCesare, Ron Corsini, and Enrico Seminerio. I am sure each of these members are equal to the high task at hand in guiding our organizations to the next level.

Please keep in mind that nominations for the 2019 Italian Canadian Citizen of the Year are open. We are hopeful to select an individual that contributes to the betterment of our society while embracing his or her Italian culture and heritage. Please send a CV or nomination letter to Loris Pilot if you are interested in nominating someone for this prestigious honour and award.

In closing, I want to wish every member and their families a Happy Easter! I hope to see many of you again at our next general meeting on Tuesday April 9th.

Lewis Merolli President

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, April 9, 2019

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Messaggio Del Presidente



ari fratelli e sorelle, La primavera è alle porte come si e' gia' visto al nostro ultimo meeting il 12 Marzo. Dopo un inverno terribile, penso che molti di noi abbiano colto l'opportunità per una giornata di sole e per uscire all'aria aperta. Alla fine abbiamo avuto circa 140 membri ed ospiti che hanno partecipato alla cena ed inseguito al consueto meeting. È stato meraviglioso vedere tanti volti

che non vedevamo da un po 'insieme ad alcuni nuovi individui interessati a prender parte alla nostra loggia. Spero che questa tendenza continui!

Sabato 30 Marzo abbiamo festeggiato gli ultimi 4 presidenti della nostra loggia, Robert Skaljin, Guido DiCesare, Lou Filice e Loris Pilot con la speciale partecipazione dell'amico e comico Frank Spadone. Abbiamo avuto una sala affollata, ci siamo goduti un ottimo pasto, alcuni drink (per alcuni anche troppi secondo Joe Mongiardi), e abbiamo condiviso delle belle risate. È stata una grande serata, con un ringraziamento speciale a tutti quelli che hanno partecipato: da Joe Mongiardi e alle sue "signore". A proposito, penso che sia ora di menzionare i nomi dello staff della cucina e personalmente ringraziarli per il loro duro lavoro. Un ringraziamento speciale a Lisa, Anna, Victoria e Rosa per aver preparato uno dei migliori pasti della città. Un grazie anche ai camerieri e a Nada che hanno servito drink tutta la notte al bar.

Il 25 Aprile terremo la nostra cena per la « Sopressata » ed estraeremo i biglietti per la nostra lotteria di eliminazione. Sto chiedendo il supporto ai nostri membri per entrambe le cause. Il 100% del ricavato di questi eventi viene devoluto ad enti di beneficenza locali. Per i biglietti della lotteria contattate me stesso mentre per i biglietti per la cena per la Sopressata contattate il nostro fratello Lou Filice. I biglietti di quest'anno per il sorteggio sono \$ 50 / ciascuno e per la cena \$ 40 / ciascuno.

Sono estremamente lieto di annunciare che i membri del Consiglio Strategico inaugurale sono stati selezionati. Un ringraziamento speciale al presidente Frank Attardo per il suo duro lavoro e la sua determinazione nel far partire questa impresa. Congratulazioni ai membri del Consiglio Strategico: David Sebastianutti, Teresa Giglia, Sandra Licata, Tony Cipolla, Philip Cumbo, Dr. John Capone, Guido DiCesare, Ron Corsini ed Enrico Seminerio. Sono sicuro che ciascuno di questi membri è all'altezza del compito più impegnativo nel guidare le nostre organizzazioni al livello successivo.

Tenete presente che sono aperte le nomination per il Cittadino Italo-Canadese dell'Anno 2019. Siamo fiduciosi di selezionare un individuo che contribuisca al miglioramento della nostra società e abbia grande passione ed orgoglio per la sua cultura e il suo patrimonio italiano. Si prega di inviare un CV o una lettera di nomina a Loris Pilot se si è interessati a nominare qualcuno per questo prestigioso onore e premio.

In chiusura, voglio augurare a tutti i membri e alle loro famiglie una buona Pasqua! Spero di rivedere molti di voi alla prossima riunione generale di Martedì 9 Aprile.

Lewis Merolli Presidente



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There is only one word for Joe Mongiardi





here is only one word for Joe Mongiardi: unique, incomparable, friendly, a master chef, dedicated a former President of our Sons of Italy, Trieste Lodge, a long-standing executive member of our club, plain-spoken, witty, hard-working, fiercely proud of his Calabrian heritage and his place in our community. Joe is outstanding in his kitchen, a teacher of his profession to others over many years...

Joe Mongiardi: Worth knowing and Worth remembering.

Joe was Italian Canadian Citizen of the Year in 1996. He is talented, quiet, not one to step into the limelight, a doer rather than a talker. Did you know that he graduated from St. Patrick's Elementary School in the 50's? And after he established himself as master cook at our lodge, he

has invited the graduating class from St. Patrick's and their teachers to a banquet at our hall where he is host and cook and supporter, all at his own initiative and expense? Reaching out to encourage the youth of our community... that's Joe.

Joe Mongiardi<u>:</u> Worth knowing and Worth celebrating.

He's reliable, dependable and a good storyteller, deeply proud of his "italianita"; "sempre laborioso, gentile e forte;" a man of few words, an example to many. If ever there was a brother you'd want on your team, it would be Joe - much deserving of recognition.

Try getting through a lodge meeting, indeed even a day without a talented cook. Good cooks are of enduring reputation, kissing doesn't last, cooks

do! So fortunate are we to have Joe in our kitchen and in our lodge. At home he is husband, father, proud grandfather. Family is always first and yet he has so much to offer to our fraternity.

By example, more than by word he's been showing us how to use our talents to help others, to celebrate our Italian heritage, to remain faithful and reliable. His efforts remind us that our names we were given, but our reputations we have to earn. Then let us end by calling Joe: our brother, without equal.

Joe Mongiardi: Worth knowing and Worth imitating.

Impossible to describe in a word or a phrase...

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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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3	7	11
4	8	12

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Bowling Club Update

The **Annual Bowling Tournament** will take place this year on Saturday, May 11, 2019. For more information please contact Br. Tony Giardino. The following weekend, the Bowling Club is hosting their **Annual Bowling Banquet Dinner & Dance** on Saturday, May 18, 2019. The event will be held at the Sons of Italy Trieste Lodge Hall and is an all-inclusive event for only \$65. For more information and to purchase tickets please contact: Cono DiSalvo 905-575-1948 or Joe Gennaccaro 905-381-9437.



Trieste Lodge Sopressata Contest

Tickets are now available for our Sopressata contest being held on Thursday, April 25, 2019. This year the ticket price \$40.00 – cash bar. If you wish to enter the contest please bring eight slices before dinner.



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?

Many of our senior members may find it difficult to drive to our general 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.



Citizen of the Year 2019 Nominations Open

If you know someone that you believe displays the values of our lodge and goes above and beyond for our community, please submit a nomination for the Sons of Italy Citizen of the Year 2019. All nominations can be submitted to Br. Loris Pilot. All nominations must be submitted prior to **April 30th**. Please don't hesitate to contact Br. Loris to further discuss the nomination process.





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Wine Tasting Contest Winners March 12, 2019



he quality of the wines is getting better and better every year, making it more challenging for the judges to choose the winners. The judges were Werner Lichtenberger and Ron Speranzini. Thank you to John Pellizzari of United Trophy for donating the trophies that were awarded.

Red Wine

1st: Larry Di Ianni 2nd: Frank Catinella 3rd: Joe Sozio

Honorable mention: Rito Rosati

White Wine

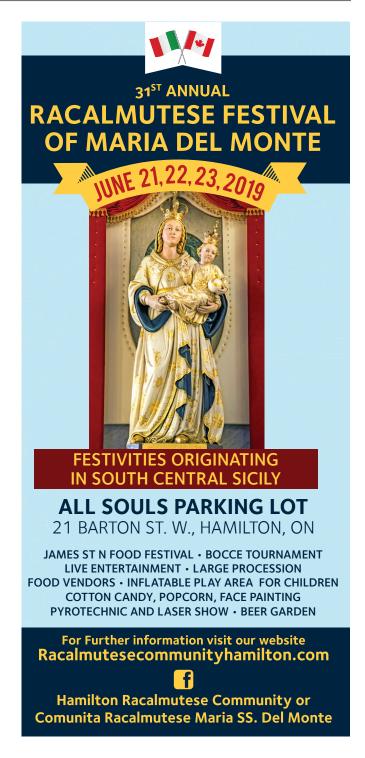
1st: John Pilato 2nd: John Pilato 3rd: Frank Catinella

Honourable mention: Joe Sozio

Red Wine Past 4 years winners' category

1st: Anton Sovari 2nd: John Pilato 3rd: Carmine Filice

Honourable mention: Carmine Filice





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Elimination Draw

nce again we are asking for your support in our annual fundraiser with 100% of the proceeds donated to charity. The draw is a raffle lottery in which all ticket stubs are placed in a drum and pulled out one at a time until the final ticket remains for the grand prize winner. Information below:

- Draw date Thursday, April 25, 2019.
- Lesser prizes are awarded at specific intervals:
 - 25th ticket wins \$100.00
 - 50th ticket wins \$300.00
 - 75th ticket wins \$600.00
 - The last remaining ticket in the drum wins the grand prize; GRAND PRIZE \$1,000.00
- Total Prizes = \$2,000.00
- 200 Tickets will be printed. (1 200)
- Only purchased tickets are entered into the draw
- Deadline to purchase tickets is April 25, 2019 6:00pm
- Tickets are \$50.00 each.
- Winners will be posted in monthly newsletter

Strategic Board **Announcement**

ollowing several years of thoughtful deliberation and **◄** planning on the part of the Lodge, Housing and Charitable (Villa) Boards, A Strategic Board has been put in place.

This is the composition of the Strategic Board Chair and Board members:

Frank Attardo - Chair Guido Di Cesare Dr. John Capone Teresa Giglia Tony Cipolla Sandra Licata Ron Corsini David Sebastianutti Enrico Seminerio Philip Cumbo

The Strategic Board will bring forward recommendations for the future growth and new initiatives for the Trieste Lodge and the various Boards that include the Housing Corporation and the Charitable Board, which operates Villa Italia.

Thanks & Best Regards, Br. Frank Attardo



An Evening in Trieste

with the Sons and Daughters of Italy, Trieste Lodge #4 Thursday, May 16, 2019, 6 p.m.

Tickets: \$800 per table or \$100 per person, available by contacting lisa.hostein@hamiltonccas.on.ca or at 905-525-2012 ext. 3256.







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Mark your Calendar

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

April General Meeting [Initiation Night]	Tue, Apr 9, 2019
Soppressata Dinner & Elimination Draw	Thurs, April 25, 2019
Spaghetti Supper	Wed, May 8, 2019
Annual Bowling Tournament	Sat, May 11, 2019
May General Meeting	Tue, May 14, 2019
Bowling Banquet Dinner & Dance	Sat, May 18, 2019
Annual Golf Tournament	Thurs, June 20, 2019



The Sons of Italy Trieste Lodge wishes everyone a

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