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President's Message

MAY 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
I am excited to write to you as we have solidified our purchase of 420 Crerar Dr. which is to be the future site of our Order and the future of the Italian Cultural and Innovation Centre in Hamilton! We are entering an exciting new chapter in our history, as we begin a journey of building our future. This purchase has been made possible because of the hard work and dedication of our membership over our 100-year history to put us in

such a wonderful position not only financially, but physically as our membership continues to grow every month! We initiated 21 new members into our lodge last month, with a stellar turnout of over 150 guests who came out to support our lodge and the growth that seems to be unending. A large thank you to all three boards, in particular our housing board led by a true warrior, Br. Rob Skaljin that continues to amaze us with his ability to unite all of us to create our future in this great city. I must emphasize that without Br. Rob's dedication, that the purchase of our future site would not be possible. We thank him for his passion, energy, and fearless leadership of our Housing Corporation that has worked tirelessly to make this possible. Our membership has asked for a larger space, for something that would allow us to continue our growth, and the boards have listened collectively to help create our future space. On behalf of the Trieste Lodge, it is our request for your continued support through this journey in helping make this new home a place for all to feel welcome. The details and future of the Cultural Centre are in our hands! I ask for a general call of nominations for our Trieste Lodge board. As you will see in the newsletter, Br. Lewis Merolli has created our election slate for June, and I ask for nominations from the floor at our May meeting to fill our slate with individuals hungry to work! We have created a future, and we need your help to make it happen. We are looking for individuals who are excited about our order and feel as though they have something to offer the membership at large. I will open the floor for nominations at our meeting, and I look forward to many of you coming forward eager to help!

We once again had a SOLD OUT! and a very successful Soppresata Dinner. It is clear to me that we have not lost our passion for the Italian culture, as these successes are merely the beginning of what lies ahead. We raised over \$7200 that will be donated to various charities in the community that need our support. Congratulations to all of those that participated in the contest, and all the winners who worked tirelessly to create a true product that they should be proud of! A couple of special acknowledgements are required here as well. Firstly, thank you to Past President's Lewis Merolli and Lou Filice for organizing

the Soppresata Dinner and Contest. Secondly, a very special and heartfelt thank you Br. Joe Mongiardi, our maestro in the kitchen along with his troupe of skilled staff that never miss a beat! Excellent work and again thank you for your efforts.

Our Bi-Annual National Convention will be taking place at the Aurora Lodge in Cambridge on May 27th, with the Trieste Lodge delegates from last year's convention to represent us and bring forth greetings and news of our successes in the past year. We look forward to bringing all updates back to our lodge. The SDOI Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday June 22nd at Glendale Golf Course. For information, please contact Br. Ralph Olivieri or Br. Frank Merolli. We look forward to a great day at the course, with a wonderful meal following at our hall. You do not want to miss it!

In keeping with our momentum, we as the executive thought it only prudent to host a kick-off celebration picnic at our new location on **Saturday June 17th!** We will have something for the whole family! It will be a wonderful event, and we ask that you keep your eyes peeled for all the information that will be coming your way in the coming weeks! This will be a RAIN OR SHINE event! I would like to make a call for volunteers for this event. We are looking for folks who can help the day of the event, for setup and teardown, and to run various activities/stations. For those that have children in high school that are looking for volunteer hours, this is a great opportunity for them to get involved! Please contact me directly via email or by phone for details.

Our general meeting will take place on **Tuesday May 9th** at our hall. As was mentioned in our last meeting, all of those wishing to attend **MUST** call and reserve their spot by Tuesday May 2nd, exactly one week before our general meeting. The reason for this is the influx of members wishing to attend the meetings, and the need to plan accordingly. Please contact Br. Joe Mongiardi to not only reserve your spot, but should you have 10 or more guests attending, you may reserve a table. We thank you for your understanding.

We look forward to seeing you in May!

Faternally Yours,
Lucas Costanzo
President, Trieste Lodge #4

May General Meeting

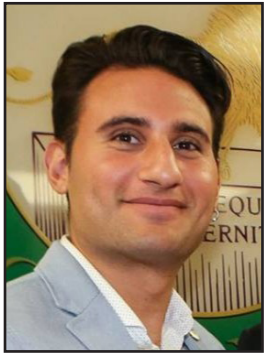
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Tuesday, May 2nd.

Call Joe Mongiardi
(289)-925-1557

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, May 9th, 2023



MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE



Cari fratelli e sorelle,
Sono entusiasta di scrivervi che abbiamo consolidato il nostro acquisto di 420 Crerar Dr. come futura sede del nostro Ordine e il futuro del Centro Italiano di Cultura ed Innovazione di Hamilton! Stiamo entrando in un nuovo entusiasmante capitolo della nostra storia, mentre iniziamo un nuovo viaggio per costruire il nostro futuro. Questo acquisto è stato reso possibile grazie al duro lavoro e alla

dedizione della nostra iscrizione nel corso dei nostri 100 anni di storia per metterci in una posizione così meravigliosa non solo finanziariamente, ma anche fisicamente mentre la nostra iscrizione continua a crescere ogni mese! Abbiamo concluso l'iniziazione di 21 nuovi membri il mese scorso, con un'affluenza stellare di oltre 150 ospiti che sono venuti a sostenere la nostra loggia e la crescita che sembra essere senza fine. Un grande ringraziamento a tutti e tre i consigli, in particolare alla nostra Housing Corporation guidata da un vero guerriero, fr. Rob Skaljin che continua a stupirci con la sua capacità di unire tutti noi per creare il nostro futuro in questa grande città. Devo sottolineare che senza la dedizione di Rob l'acquisto del nostro futuro sito non sarebbe stato possibile. Lo ringraziamo per la sua passione, energia e leadership impavida della nostra Housing Corporation che ha lavorato instancabilmente per renderlo possibile. I nostri membri hanno chiesto uno spazio più ampio, qualcosa che ci permettesse di continuare la nostra crescita, e i consigli di amministrazione hanno ascoltato collettivamente per aiutarci a creare il nostro spazio futuro. A nome della Trieste Lodge, vi chiediamo il vostro continuo supporto durante questo viaggio per contribuire a rendere questa nuova casa un luogo in cui tutti possano sentirsi i benvenuti. I dettagli e il futuro del Centro Culturale sono nelle nostre mani! Chiedo un bando generale per le nomine per il nostro consiglio della loggia di Trieste. Come vedrete nella newsletter, fr. Lewis Merolli ha creato la nostra lista elettorale per Giugno e chiedo nomine dall'aula al nostro incontro di Maggio per riempire la nostra lista di persone pronte a lavorare! Abbiamo creato un futuro e abbiamo bisogno del vostro aiuto per realizzarlo. Cerchiamo persone entusiaste del nostro ordine e che sentano di avere qualcosa da offrire ai membri. Darò il via alle candidature durante il nostro incontro e non vedo l'ora che molti di voi si facciano avanti desiderosi di aiutare!

Ancora una volta abbiamo avuto un SOLD OUT! e una Soppersata Dinner di grande successo. È chiaro per me che non abbiamo perso la nostra passione per la cultura italiana, poiché questi successi sono solo l'inizio di ciò che ci aspetta. Abbiamo raccolto oltre \$ 7200 che

saranno donati a vari enti di beneficenza nella comunità che hanno bisogno del nostro sostegno. Congratulazioni a tutti coloro che hanno partecipato al concorso e a tutti i vincitori che hanno lavorato instancabilmente per creare un vero prodotto di cui essere orgogliosi! Anche qui sono doverosi un paio di ringraziamenti speciali. Innanzitutto, grazie al Past President Lewis Merolli e Lou Filice per aver organizzato la Soppersata Dinner e Contest. In secondo luogo, un ringraziamento molto speciale e sentito a fr. Joe Mongiardi, il nostro maestro in cucina insieme alla sua troupe di abili collaboratori che non perdono mai un colpo! Ottimo lavoro e ancora grazie per i vostri sforzi.

La nostra Convention nazionale semestrale si svolgerà presso l'Aurora Lodge di Cambridge il 27 Maggio, con i delegati della Trieste Lodge della convention dello scorso anno per rappresentarci e portare avanti saluti e notizie dei nostri successi dell'anno passato. Non vediamo l'ora di riportare tutti gli aggiornamenti alla nostra loggia. Il torneo annuale di golf SDOI si terrà Giovedì 22 Giugno presso il Glendale Golf Course. Per informazioni contattate fr. Ralph Olivieri o fr. Frank Merolli. Non vediamo l'ora di trascorrere una fantastica giornata al corso, seguita da un meraviglioso pasto nella nostra sala. Da non perdere!

Come promesso, abbiamo ritenuto prudente organizzare un picnic per celebrare l'inizio nella nostra nuova sede **Sabato 17 Giugno!** Avremo qualcosa per tutta la famiglia! Sarà un evento meraviglioso e vi chiediamo di tenere gli occhi aperti per tutte le informazioni che condivideremo nelle prossime settimane! Questo sarà un evento RAIN OR SHINE! Vorrei chiedere l'aiuto a tutti i volontari per questo evento. Cerchiamo persone che possano aiutare il giorno dell'evento, per l'installazione e lo smontaggio e per gestire varie attività/stazioni. Per coloro che hanno figli che frequentano una scuola superiore che cercano ore di volontariato, questa è una grande opportunità per essere coinvolti! Vi prego di contattarmi direttamente via e-mail o per telefono per i dettagli.

La nostra assemblea generale si svolgerà **Martedì 9 Maggio** presso la nostra sala. Come accennato nella nostra ultima riunione, tutti coloro che desiderano partecipare DEVONO chiamare e prenotare il proprio posto entro Martedì 2 Maggio, esattamente una settimana prima della nostra assemblea generale. La ragione di ciò è l'afflusso di membri che desiderano partecipare alle riunioni e la necessità di pianificare di conseguenza. Si prega di contattare fr. Joe Mongiardi non solo per prenotare il vostro posto, ma se dovessi partecipare a 10 o più ospiti, puoi prenotare un tavolo. Vi ringraziamo per la vostra comprensione.

Vi aspettiamo a Maggio!
Fraternamente Vostro,
Lucas Costanzo


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GUEST SPEAKER

Trieste Lodge had the pleasure of welcoming Paolo Quattrocchi, the Vice President of the OSDIA Lodge in Rome, Italy, who shared insightful details about the Rome lodge and his book titled "Canada: Storie, Visioni e Sfide di un Laboratorio del Futuro."

Paolo's book offers an Italian perspective on Canadian-Italians and Canada, and his presentation was an account of his research and experiences.



Mark your Calendar

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| May General Meeting | Tues, May 9, 2023 |
| SDOI Choir Spring Concert | Sat, June 3, 2023 |
| June General Meeting | Tues, June 13, 2023 |
| Annual Picnic (Details to Follow) | Sat, June 17, 2023 |
| Annual Golf Tournament | Thurs, June 22, 2023 |

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Sons of Italy Golf Classic

Thursday, June 22nd, 2023

The Sons of Italy is hosting our 49th 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 \$250 per golfer all inclusive, which includes lunch, golf, cart, dinner and prizes. The cost to attend the dinner only is \$75 (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 11:00 am

Lunch 11:30am - 12:30pm

Golf-Shotgun Start

Dinner 6:00 pm (Sons of Italy Hall)

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax#: _____

We would like to sponsor a hole for \$150 Yes We would like to donate the following prize(s): _____

The following people will be attending:

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| 2. _____ | 6. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ | 12. _____ |

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- Dante Mostacci
- Pasquale DiMatteo
- Vincenzo Lolli
- Michael Macaluso
- Anthony Macaluso
- Joseph Schillaci
- Marco Tofano
- Alfredo Chiappetta
- Anthony Mamone
- Joseph Hall
- Julia Apanasowicz
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2nd Place - Dave Lolli and
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