

ORDER SONS OF ITALY

TRIESTE LODGE | HAMILTON

President's Message

JANUARY 2020



Brothers and Sisters, Happy New Year and welcome back to the Trieste Lodge for 2020! I trust and hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas season. We are entering a new decade with lots of things happening at our lodge. I think a great new year (or new decade) resolution for all our members is how each of us can get involved in our club to see it continue to grow and develop. Whether it

is joining an event committee, running for positions on our executive team or even just promoting our club to potential new members within the community, there is many things that can be done!

In December of 2019 we had many events at the Trieste Lodge that were very successful. Starting off the season was our Choir holding a dinner dance, the Children's Christmas Party where Santa brought gifts to approximately 60 children, our member's Christmas Dinner with 234 members and guest in attendance, and finally our bowling club holding a dinner dance. All of these events were very well attended, and it goes without saying the food was excellent at all of them. Thank you to all the members that helped plan and organize these events. Special mention to Lori Balogh and her son Alexander, as well as Alexander's girlfriend (future daughter in law?) Sydney Lawson for preparing the meal for the Children's Christmas Party.

Coming up the next few months are some very important meetings as well as new events that I wish to share in this month's message. Firstly, a staple of our club is the annual Briscola tournament being held this year on Friday January 24th, with information found in the newsletter. On Sunday February 2nd, the Trieste Lodge, and more specifically the Order Sons and Daughters of Canada is hosting a meeting of Italian clubs throughout Ontario. The purpose of this meeting

so to continue discussion between Italian clubs on how we can collaborate. Moreover, it will give us a chance to showcase our club's successes.

February's meeting has traditionally been a member/child dinner, and that will continue this year as well. However, in the spirit of Family Day which is held in February, any member can bring any member of their family to dinner at a cost of \$20 (same as member). As in the past, children under 18 are free! So that we can properly plan the dinner, please let myself or Joe Mongiardi know if you will be bringing a child/guest.

On Saturday February 22nd, the SDOI Trieste Lodge, CIPBA Hamilton-Halton and Festitalia are organizing a "Carnevale Di Venezia" event at LIUNA Station. More information is in the newsletter but the most important facet to this event is the joint efforts between Italian clubs for the betterment of the community (all proceeds to benefit the Good Shepherd). We hope to have broad support from the membership as this is a new event, and something that is fresh and exciting. Please see Lucas Costanzo or Steven Zecchin for tickets or purchase directly from the Good Shepherd by visiting their website.

In closing, I hope to see many of you at our January 14th meeting. I know we can probably all stand to lose a few pounds we gained over Christmas (me at the top of the list), and we probably have made new years resolutions for such. Nevertheless, after intense research I have concluded that every diet gives you a day off throughout the week, and that's why I always designate the second Tuesday of every month as my "cheat day"!

Faternally yours,

Lewis Merolli
President

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, January 14, 2020

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Messaggio Del Presidente



Fratelli e sorelle, Buon anno e bentornati alla nostra Loggia per il 2020! Confido e spero che tutti voi abbiate trascorso un bellissimo Natale in famiglia. Stiamo entrando in un nuovo decennio e ci saranno molte cose che accadranno nella nostra loggia. Penso che un proposito per il nuovo anno (o il nuovo decennio) per tutti i nostri membri sia come ognuno di noi possa essere coinvolto nel nostro

club per vederlo continuare a crescere e svilupparsi. Che si tratti di entrare a far parte di un comitato di eventi, candidarsi per posizioni all'interno del nostro team esecutivo o anche semplicemente promuovere il nostro club a potenziali nuovi membri all'interno della comunità, ci sono molte cose che possono essere fatte!

Nel Dicembre del 2019 abbiamo avuto molti eventi alla Loggia Trieste che hanno avuto molto successo. All'inizio del mese è stato il nostro coro a tenere una cena da ballo, a seguire la festa di Natale per bambini in cui Babbo Natale ha portato regali a circa 60 bambini, la cena/meeting di Natale con 234 membri e ospiti presenti, e infine il nostro club di bowling che ha tenuto un'altra cena da ballo. Tutti questi eventi sono stati molto ben frequentati e va da sé che il cibo era ottimo. Grazie a tutti i membri che hanno contribuito a pianificare ed organizzare questi eventi. Una menzione speciale a Lori Balogh e a suo figlio Alexander, così come alla fidanzata di Alexander (futura nuora?) Sydney Lawson nel preparare il pasto per la festa di Natale dei bambini.

Nei prossimi mesi ci saranno alcuni incontri molto importanti, nonché nuovi eventi che desidero condividere nel messaggio di questo mese. In primo luogo, un punto fermo del nostro club è l'annuale torneo di Briscola che quest'anno si terrà Venerdì 24 Gennaio, con le informazioni trovate nella newsletter. Domenica 2 Febbraio, la Loggia Trieste, e più precisamente l'Order Sons and Daughters del Canada, ospiterà un incontro di club Italiani in Ontario. Lo scopo di questo incontro è quindi

quello di continuare la discussione tra club Italiani su come possiamo collaborare. Inoltre, ci darà la possibilità di mostrare i successi del nostro club.

L'incontro di Febbraio è stato tradizionalmente una cena per i figli dei membri e continuerà anche quest'anno. Tuttavia, nello spirito della Giornata della famiglia che si tiene a Febbraio, qualsiasi membro può portare a cena qualsiasi membro della propria famiglia al costo di \$ 20 (lo stesso prezzo da membro). Come in passato, i minori di 18 anni sono gratuiti! Affinché possiamo pianificare correttamente la cena, per favore fate sapere a me o a Joe Mongiardi se porterete un bambino / ospite.

Sabato 22 Febbraio, SDOI Trieste Lodge, CIPBA Hamilton-Halton e Festitalia organizzano un evento chiamato "Carnevale Di Venezia" presso LIUNA Station. Maggiori informazioni sono disponibili nella newsletter, ma l'aspetto più importante di questo evento sono gli sforzi congiunti tra i club italiani per il miglioramento della comunità (tutti i proventi a beneficio the Good Shepherd). Speriamo di avere un ampio supporto da parte dei membri in quanto si tratta di un nuovo evento e qualcosa da non perdere. Si prega di vedere Lucas Costanzo o Steven Zecchin per i biglietti o acquistare direttamente dal Buon Pastore visitando il loro sito web.

In conclusione, spero di vedere molti di voi al nostro incontro del 14 Gennaio. So che probabilmente saremo tutti cercando di perdere qualche chilo che abbiamo preso durante il Natale (io in cima alla lista), e probabilmente abbiamo fatto dei propositi per il nuovo anno per questo motivo. Tuttavia, dopo un'intensa ricerca, ho concluso che ogni dieta ti dà un giorno libero per tutta la settimana, ed è per questo che desidero sempre designare il secondo Martedì di ogni mese come il mio «cheat day»!

Fraternamente,

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NEWEST MEMBERS

Congratulations to our **Newest Members**

As is our custom, this past November we initiated 23 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. The new members pictured are: TIM ASHCRAFT, MICHAEL SICONOLFI, DEBORAH BARFKNECHT, ANTHONY RUSSO, ANTONIO GIOVINAZZO, MARIA AGOSTINI, LYDIA DIMATTEO, IGNAZIO MURACA, MARY BREWER, SALVATORE DELUCA, DAMIN STARR, SERGIO ESCALANTE, ALLYSON WENZOWSKI, ANDREW FURII, MICHAEL FURII, THERESA DIDERO, CHRISTIAN BORELLI, VINCE BORRELLI, PAUL KUZYK, JUNE BROOKE, JOHN DILIBERTO, LEANDRO FINOCCHI, CHARLY CHIARELLI



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SEASONAL EVENTS

Annual Christmas Dinner



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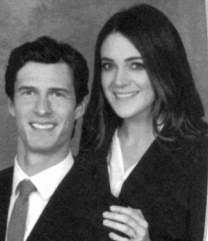
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SEASONAL EVENTS

Annual Children's Christmas Party

As always our annual Children's Christmas Party was held on December 8th and was a great success with gifts for approximately 60 children handed out. Thank you to Sister Lori DiVincent-Balogh and her committee for organizing this year's event. Special thank you to everyone who helped out that day and the days prior shopping and wrapping gifts. It truly was a family & team effort.



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Event Information:

Date: Saturday February 22, 2020

Location: Liuna Station, 360 James Street North, Hamilton

Time: Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$150 per person

Buy tickets online: <https://www.goodshepherdcentres.ca/events/view/73>

Attire:

MEN: Black Tie preferred or luxury costume. Black hooded capes are encouraged.

WOMEN: Gala & Cocktail Attire are recommended. Luxury costumes are an option as well.

MASKS: Venetian Masks complete the dress code. Masks will be available for purchase at the event in a variety of styles.

* COSTUMES FITTING CARNEVALE THEME -or- FORMAL ATTIRE WITH A MASK ARE SUGGESTED.*

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Italian-Canadian Citizen Of The Year 2019

Saturday, November 16th at Liuna Gardens, a moved Sam Cino was awarded the “Italian Canadian Citizen of the Year” 48 years later the first edition of the event that has been run by the Order Sons and Daughter of Italy Trieste Lodge ever since. It was a vibrant and at times touching night with Salvatore “Toto” Cino clearly demonstrating the virtues that lead to his recent accomplishment, humble and thankful, his speech went straight to the heart of those attending that night, shining lights all around him. The night was also celebration of Sicilian culture with the great contribution of Sam’s good cumpare Joe Baiardo. There were many dignitaries in attendance and in support of Sam, from honorable Filomena Tassi member of Parliament and now Minister of Transportation, Deputy Mayor Maureen Wilson and our very own Vice Consul Susanna Fortino-Bozzo. We were fortunate to have so many past recipients in attendance, which helped make for an unforgettable evening. The night also saw the participation of our President Lewis Merolli and National President Carmine Filice. The committee, including Lucas Costanzo (Chair), Steven Zecchin (Master of Ceremonies) and Jessica Petrunti (Organizer), would like to thank Sam and all of those in attendance, it was a genuinely great night celebrated a worthy and kind individual.



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EVENT CALENDAR

Mark your **Calendar**

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

January General Meeting	Tue, Jan 14, 2020
Briscola Card Night	Fri, Jan 24, 2020
February General Meeting	Tue, Feb 11, 2020
Carnevale di Venezia, The 1st Annual Grand Masquerade Ball, LIUNA Station	Sat, Feb 22, 2020
March General Meeting	Tue, Mar 10, 2020



New Membership Note

All new membership applications must be completed in full and accompanied with the first year membership fee of \$75. No applications will be accepted without payment.



General Meeting Dinner Pricing and Etiquette

Our monthly General Meetings begin at 7:00 pm sharp and doors open at exactly 6:00 pm. Please note that dinner prices are \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. All members and guests must sign in at the door with an executive member before entering the hall. Please contact the executive if you have any questions.



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2020 Membership Dues

With the commencement of the New Year, the Executive would just like to provide a reminder that ALL membership dues are to be paid in full by MARCH 31st. 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.



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