

ORDER SONS OF ITALY

TRIESTE LODGE | HAMILTON

President's Message

SEPTEMBER 2018



Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Trieste Lodge, First and foremost, I would like to welcome you back from what I hope was a safe and enjoyable summer. I hope that many of you were able to take a break from the hustle and bustle of daily life and spend time relaxing and spending time with family. As Canadians of Italian descent, one of the pillars of our culture is spending time with family - sharing stories and experiences, and of course sharing a

few meals in between. I know that personally I was able to share a few extra meals this summer, but that's what makes life as an Italian one of the greatest in the world.

As we start a new fiscal year at the lodge, I want to inform the membership of the direction that I have given your executive. Over the summer I have thought long and hard about the future of the lodge and what steps must be taken to sustain itself over the long term. One of the key components to the financial success of the lodge is the many events that generate income (Monthly meetings, Spaghetti Supper, Briscola Night, Golf Tournament, Citizen of the Year Gala etc.)

These various events and fundraisers have served us extremely well, and I want to see that continue for many years to come. However, I have come to notice that attendance has stagnated or dwindled over the years, and your executive has reflected on the many reasons for this. The first that comes to mind is demographics - our membership and those that attended traditional events have aged and are no longer able to attend. The other, and what I believe is the main culprit, is changing interests and necessities within our Canadian Italian culture.

There was a time when Italian Canadians were new and recent immigrants to Canada, and their immediate need was to connect with others who shared the same challenges. This served very well as it allowed for many immigrants who came from relative poverty and low income to rise up through the ranks and establish

themselves and their families as successful contributors to Canadian civic life, which is one of the tenets to our membership.

Over time and with every new generation, there is a change in the needs of every organization and its membership. We at the Trieste Lodge find ourselves at a time when those looking to join and become active in the lodge are already long time and committed Canadian citizens, and many are 3rd or even 4th generation Italian Canadians. Their desire to join is not one of necessity, but of one of desire. New members who are joining or are thinking of joining are looking to reconnect with their Italian culture and heritage and ensure that they continue to have a strong connection to their Italian ancestors.

With that in mind, I have directed the executive team to review all events to ensure that they meet these criteria, especially with regards to the promotion of Italian culture and heritage. I have also instructed the executive to share information about our events to other Italian clubs in Hamilton, and in return promote events that other Italian clubs are organizing.

We at the Trieste Lodge are in a unique position relative to other Sons of Italy lodges, as well as other Italian-Canadian clubs in Hamilton. The immense success of our Housing Corporation and Charitable Corporation has put us in an excellent financial position to become the conduit for all those of Italian descent to join together to cherish and support our culture. We are now moving towards the next steps of our visioning session and strategic plan that was initiated by Past President Lou Filice. I am very hopeful that the outcome of this will allow us at the Sons of Italy to expand our reach within the Italian community.

I look forward to serving as your President, and I humbly accept the challenge of ensuring the strength and perseverance of the Trieste Lodge for many years to come.

Fraternally yours,

Lewis Merolli
President, Trieste Lodge #4
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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, September 11, 2018

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Messaggio Del Presidente



Cari fratelli e sorelle della Loggia Trieste, Innanzi tutto ben tornati da quella spero sia stata una gradevole estate. Mi auguro che abbiate avuto il tempo di lasciare la vostra routine quotidiana per invece rilassarvi insieme alle vostre famiglie. Come Canadesi di origine Italiana, uno dei pilastri della nostra cultura è la famiglia, condividere le nostre storie ed esperienze e naturalmente i nostri pasti. Personalmente ho avuto l'opportunità di fare tutto ciò che questa estate ed è questo che rende la vita da Italiano una delle migliori nel mondo.

All'inizio del nostro anno fiscale, voglio informarvi della direzione che ho dato all'esecutivo. Durante l'estate ho riflettuto a lungo sul futuro della loggia e su quali misure adottare per mantenersi in ottime condizioni. Uno dei componenti importantissimi per il successo finanziario della loggia sono i numerosi eventi che generano reddito. (Riunioni mensili, Spaghetti Supper, Briscola Night, Golf Tournament, Citizen of the Year , etc..)

Questi vari eventi e raccolte di fondi ci hanno servito molto bene e voglio vedere la loro continuazione. Tuttavia ho notato che la vostra presenza è diminuita nel corso degli anni e con l'esecutivo sono arrivato ad alcuni motivi. Il primo che viene in mente è la demografia. I nostri membri e quelli che partecipavano ai nostri eventi sono invecchiati e non sono più in grado di venirci. L'altro, è credo sia il motivo principale , gli interessi e le necessità dell'Italo-Canadese stanno cambiando.

In avanti, gli Italo-Canadesi erano nuovi e recenti immigrati e il loro bisogno era quello di collegarsi con altri che affrontavano le stesse sfide. Tutto questo è stato di molto aiuto ed ha permesso agli immigrati che venivano da povertà e misero reddito di insediarsi e con le loro famiglie stabilirsi come contributori riusciti alla vita civile Canadese, un altro principio dei nostri membri.

Col tempo e con ogni nuova generazione c'è un cambiamento nei bisogni di ogni organizzazione e dei suoi membri. Noi della Loggia Trieste ci troviamo in un momento in cui coloro che vogliono unirsi e diventare attivi nella Loggia sono già da tempo impegnati cittadini Canadesi, molti terza o quarta generazione Italo-Canadesi. Essi non si uniscono per necessità ma per volontà, perché vogliono ricollegarsi con la cultura Italiana, l'eredità Italiana e così facendo con i loro antenati.

Avendo questo in mente, ho diretto l'esecutivo di riesaminare tutti gli eventi per garantire che soddisfano questi criteri, e in particolare per quanto riguarda la promozione della cultura e eredità Italiana. Inoltre ho dato istruzioni all'esecutivo di condividere informazioni sui nostri eventi con altri club Italiani di Hamilton e in cambio promuovere eventi organizzati da loro.

Noi della Loggia Trieste siamo in una posizione unica rispetto alle altre logge dei Figli d'Italia e club Italo-Canadesi di Hamilton. L'immenso successo della nostra Housing Corporation, e Charitable Corporation ci ha messo in un'ottima posizione finanziaria, permettendoci di diventare il mezzo da cui quelli di eredità Italiana si uniscono per apprezzare e sostenere la cultura Italiana. Ora stiamo andando verso la realizzazione del nostro piano visionario e strategico avviato dall'ex presidente Lou Filice. Sono molto fiducioso che il risultato di questo `permetterà ai Figli d'Italia di inserirsi sempre più all'interno della comunità Italiana di Hamilton.

Sono lieto di servire come vostro presidente e accetto con umiltà la sfida di assicurare il bene e la perseveranza della Loggia Trieste in futuro. Fraternamente`

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Letter from the Editors

Ciao Brothers and Sisters, We hope you had an excellent summer and would like to cordially welcome everyone back to the lodge! Anthony and I (Jessica) would like to re-introduce ourselves as the social media and newsletter editors this year. As always, we will do our best to keep all of our members connected and informed throughout the year.

The newsletter is a way for us to keep you up-to-date with everything going on at the Sons of Italy. With that said, we'd also like to hear from you! Keeping our membership involved and engaged in the newsletter is very important to us. Each month we are always looking for new ideas and content including: event notifications, enriching stories, news updates, family recipes, cultural and/or historical photos, etc.

Please feel free to come up to us at the general meetings or send us a message if you have any ideas for the newsletter or content you'd like to share with your fellow SOI brothers and sisters.

Sincerely,
Br. Anthony Chiarelli, 905-517-8957
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The Sons of Italy Choir Update

The Sons of Italy Choir Has started the Fall Rehearsals. We would love to have you join our "Sons of Italy Choir". We are looking for Men or Women that enjoy Music and singing. You do not need any experience, only the passion for singing. Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7:15 pm at the Sons of Italy Hall. Please come out and give it a try. If you want more information please call Angelo at 905-388-0872.

The Choir is Happy to be performing at The Locke St. Festival on Saturday September 8, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. We would like to Congratulate and Welcome the New SOI Executives, and look forward on working together in the coming season.



General Meeting Dinner Pricing & Etiquette

Just a reminder 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.

Grazie!
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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Citizen Of The Year 2018 - Mr. Ron Corsini

The Order Sons of Italy Trieste Lodge in Hamilton is proud to recognize Mr. Ron Corsini as the 2018 Italian-Canadian Citizen of the Year. A truly deserving individual, Ron has dedicated a lifetime to helping others as a philanthropic figure in the Hamilton area. From a young age, Ron learned the importance of generosity and dedication to the community from his parents Ennio and Josephine Corsini, the owners of Corsini's Supermarket on James Street. Corsini's was a pillar of support for countless Italian immigrants coming to Hamilton and Ron continued in his parent's footsteps in giving back to the Hamilton community. Among many notable accomplishments and accolades, Ron has served as chair of the Jamesville BIA, chair of Festitalia

and as Ward 2 City Councillor. Ron has also sat on countless boards, including Festival of Friends, St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation, Opera Hamilton, Italian Earthquake Relief, and countless others. Mr. Ron Corsini is a true testament to what it means to live a humble and fulfilling life, surrounded by the love and care of so many friends and family.

The Sons of Italy Trieste Lodge would like to invite all family, friends and colleagues to share in a wonderful evening recognizing Mr. Corsini. The Gala event will be held at Liuna Gardens on Saturday November 17th at 6pm. Tickets for the gala will be \$125 per person (all inclusive, black tie). Sponsorship in the event program is also available as an avenue to congratulate



Ron on his many achievements. For information on tickets or sponsorship, please contact The Citizen of the Year Chairperson, Lucas Costanzo via email costanzlu@gmail.com or Lewis Merolli at 905-515-7276 or lewis@weld-techproducts.com.

La Vita E' Bella Radio Show CFMU 93.3 FM



Cari 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!

LaVita 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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26TH THE ORDER SONS OF ITALY
30TH PUGLIESE

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On behalf of L'Arche Hamilton I wanted to share the thanks from the residents and staff who received Spaghetti Supper tickets this past May who were graciously donated by members of the SOI and guests attending the Soppressata Event. In our most generous and warm way, SOI welcomed 40 residents and several staff for a special dinner out and shared our delicious meal with 'tutti a tavola a mangiare'.

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Thanks,
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EVENT CALENDAR

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

Upcoming General Meeting	Tuesday, September 11, 2018
Regional Food Night	Wednesday, September 26, 2018
Next General Meeting	Tuesday, October 9, 2018
Citizen of the Year Gala	Saturday, November 17, 2018

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In one word, tell us what the Sons of Italy means to you.?

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