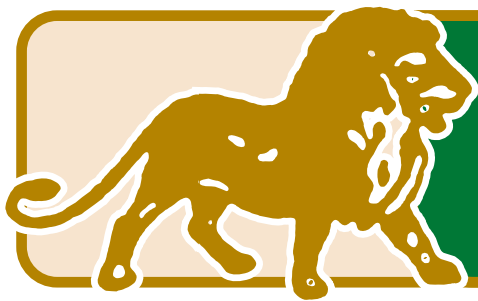




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President's Message

DECEMBER 2019



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christmas time is a time to reflect on the past year and the many accomplishments and successes we have enjoyed. As Italian Canadians we use Christmas as an opportunity to spend time with family and friends enjoying food, drink and conversation.

Lucky for us, we get to do this all year round, but Christmas has that little extra special touch.

We have enjoyed many unique successes throughout the year that I would like to make special mention to. These are in no order and each has their own special importance:

- Increased our membership with close to 40 new member initiations in 2019
- Voted to create a foundation to consolidate the efforts/resources of our 3 entities (Trieste Lodge, Housing Corporation, Charitable Corporation)
- Received commitment from the Federal Government to issue a formal apology on the internment of Italian Canadians in World War 2
- Officially opened the Vice Counsel office of Susanna Fortino-Bozzo in our building at 499 King Street
- Donated over \$20,000 to various charities within the community from funds generated from our lodge charity budget and the annual golf tournament
- Celebrated the election of Trieste Lodge Past President Brother Carmine Filice to President of the Grand Lodge
- Officially voted to rebrand and operate our order under the "Order Sons and Daughters of Italy Canada"

Moreover, I would be remiss to exclude and not acknowledge the hard work of many of our members especially those that have helped with the above-mentioned achievements. A special thank you to those that have sponsored new members throughout the year, especially Sister Vincenza Wood and Sister Mary Lisa Russo that have both sponsored multiple candidates. A thank you to Brother Frank Attardo and his board for their hard work and dedication getting the foundation off the ground. A thank you to Brother Frank Raso for engaging Susanna Fortino-Bozzo and bringing her office to our building.

Also, a thank you to Brother Joe Mongiardi for running the day to day operations of the hall including setting up and cleaning the hall for our monthly meetings and functions. Furthermore, a thank you to Brother Leo Leoni (who is this year's Trieste lodge Certificate of Merit award winner) for helping with our hall as well. Finally, I would like to thank my executive and the general membership for their support over the last year. We have had excellent attendance at our meetings and functions, and I hope this is a continuing trend into 2020.

In closing I wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable Merry Christmas and all the best for a prosperous 2020.

Buon Natale!

Lewis Merolli
President

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, January 14, 2020

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Messaggio Del Presidente



Cari fratelli e sorelle,

Il periodo natalizio è un momento propizio per riflettere sull'anno appena trascorso e sui numerosi successi di cui abbiamo goduto. Come Italo-Canadesi il Natale è un'opportunità per trascorrere del tempo con la famiglia e gli amici godendo di cibo, bevande e conversazioni. Fortunatamente

per noi, possiamo farlo tutto l'anno, ma Natale ha quel tocco in più di speciale.

Abbiamo goduto di molti successi unici durante tutto l'anno che vorrei menzionare. Questi non sono in ordine d'importanza ma ognuno ha un unico valore:

- Abbiamo aumentato il numero dei nostri soci con quasi 40 nuove iscrizioni nel 2019
- Abbiamo votato per creare una base e fondazione per consolidare gli sforzi / le risorse delle nostre 3 entità (Trieste Lodge, Housing Corporation, Charitable Corporation)
- Abbiamo ricevuto l'impegno del governo federale a presentare scuse formali sull'internamento degli Italo-Canadesi nella seconda guerra mondiale
- Abbiamo aperto ufficialmente l'ufficio del Vice Console Susanna Fortino-Bozzo nel nostro edificio al 499 King Street
- Abbiamo donato oltre \$ 20.000 a varie organizzazioni benefiche all'interno della comunità da fondi generati dal nostro budget di beneficenza lodge e dal torneo annuale di golf
- Abbiamo celebrato l'elezione dell'ex Presidente della loggia di Trieste Fratello Carmine Filice a Presidente della Grand Lodge

- Abbiamo ufficialmente votato per rinominare e gestire il nostro ordine con "Order Sons and Daughters of Italy Canada"

Inoltre, sarei negligente escludere e non riconoscere il duro lavoro di molti dei nostri membri, specialmente quelli che hanno contribuito ai risultati sopra menzionati. Un ringraziamento speciale a coloro che hanno sponsorizzato nuovi membri durante tutto l'anno, in particolare sorella Vincenza Wood e sorella Mary Lisa Russo che hanno entrambi sponsorizzato molti candidati. Un ringraziamento al fratello Frank Attardo e al suo consiglio per il loro duro lavoro e dedizione per far decollare la nuova fondazione. Un ringraziamento al fratello Frank Raso per aver coinvolto Susanna Fortino-Bozzo e aver portato il suo ufficio nel nostro edificio.

Inoltre, un ringraziamento a Fratello Joe Mongiardi per aver gestito le operazioni quotidiane della sala, compresa l'installazione e la pulizia della sala per le nostre riunioni e funzioni mensili. Inoltre, un ringraziamento al fratello Leo Leoni (che quest'anno è il vincitore del certificato di merito della loggia Trieste) per l'aiuto con la nostra sala. Infine, vorrei ringraziare il comitato esecutivo e tutti i membri per il loro supporto nell'ultimo anno. Abbiamo preso parte in modo eccellente alle nostre riunioni e funzioni e spero che questa tendenza continuerà nel 2020.

In conclusione, auguro a tutti voi e alle vostre famiglie un buon Natale e tutto il meglio per un prospero 2020.

Buon Natale!

Lewis Merolli
Presidente

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GENERAL NOTES

SAVE THE DATE!

SOI Bowling League Christmas Dinner Dance

Christmas Celebrations!
Sons of Italy Hall
Friday, December 13th
\$55 All Inclusive

Contact Joe Gennaccaro at
905-381-9437 or
Cono DiSalvo at
905-575-1948 for tickets



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.



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.



Pointsettia Delivery Volunteers Needed

On Wednesday December 11th at 1:00 pm we will be bringing Poinsettias to the residents of Villa Italia with "Auguri di Buon Natale" from the Sons of Italy. If you would like to help, please call Brother Livio Di Nello: 905-389-6930.



2019 Christmas Concert

The upcoming annual Christmas concert will take place at St. Anthony's Church (165 Prospect Street N) on Sunday, December 15th at 7:15 pm. Admission to the concert is free of charge and is a collaboration between Festitalia Corporation, Hamilton Dante Center, LiUNA, Sicilia Canta, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy and St. Anthony Church.

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EVENT CALENDAR

Mark your **Calendar**

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

Children's Christmas Party	Sun, Dec 8, 2019
Member's Christmas Dinner	Tue, Dec 10, 2019
SOI Bowling League Christmas Dinner Dance	Fri, Dec 13, 2019
January General Meeting	Tue, Jan 14, 2020
Briscola Card Night	Fri, Jan 24, 2020



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