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Keeping our Membership up to date
on current happenings



IN-PERSON ONLY GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022
8:00 pm - FAMEE FURLANE TORONTO – CANADA ROOM



MEMORIAL MASS & CHESTNUTS - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 MASS
OF REMEMBRANCE – 7:00 PM ST. ROCH'S CHURCH - 2889 Islington Avenue



Please join us as we remember our loved ones who have passed this year. In the spirit of giving for the holiday season, please bring a non-perishable item to church for their local food drive. Our last general member's meeting for the year will be held following the mass at the Famee in the Canada Room. Join us for a tajut di vin e castagnis.

FFT XMAS TOY DRIVE – DEADLINE FOR DROP OFF – DEC. 11, 2022

Help make a less fortunate child's Christmas this year by supporting the Famee Furlane Toronto Toy Drive. Drop off an unwrapped toy to the Famee during *office hours* (Tuesday – Friday: 9:30 – 4:30) and we will deliver the toys to a local Toy Drive in our community.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA SUNDAY, DEC. 11, 2022

Join us for the annual Breakfast with Santa at **THE ROYALTON BANQUET HALL**. See form below for details or call today, 905.851.1166
DEADLINE FOR TICKET PICK UP IS DECEMBER 2.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY – WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14, 2022

The Famee Furlane Toronto Women's Auxiliary will be hosting its annual Christmas Meeting on Wednesday December 14, 2022, 7:30 pm. Along with enjoying a sampling of homemade treats and having fun with the ugly Christmas Sweater event, the evening will also include the preparation of special gifts. As in the past will be supporting local women's shelters and community agencies through The Shoe Box Project. Filled with toiletries and assorted personal must-haves, each gifted box will also provide a bit of Christmas cheer and a reminder that we all matter.



LA BEFANA – FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023 The FFT along with the Aplini Autonomo Vaughan are pleased to present "La Befana" at the Famee Furlane Toronto. Lighting of the fire at 6:30 pm. Refreshments to follow in the Canada Room. This is a potluck event all are welcome to bring treats The Alpini will BBQ sausage bites for all. To register call the Famee Furlane at 905-851-1166 or email at reception@fameefurlane.com Enter subject line: LA BEFANA.



DOLOMITE SKI TRIP - FEBRUARY 8-12, 2023 - Spots are still available for our ski trip to Tremblant. Contact Mara Mian for more details (416) 802-8187

2023 MEMBERSHIP – Membership forms will be sent our shortly.

90th ANNIVERSARY/MEMBER'S LUNCHEON – SAVE THE DATE – MAY 28, 2023

NOVEMBER'S WALK INTO THE PAST...

Always a visionary, Father Ermanno Bulfon, was instrumental in ensuring "that Friuli's spiritual and religious inheritance was a positive and dynamic force in the life of the Famee." While the first general members meeting took place in the unfinished Friuli Hall on March 3, 1974, it was on December 29th of that year that Mass was celebrated in the building for the first time. It was Pope John Paul II who once said that the sense of religion is strongly rooted in the Furlan culture, so much so that it lends itself to help define their identity. Furlans, by their nature are committed to both their faith and deep respect for their cultural identities, traits that were instinctive to Father Bulfon, thus his tireless work in ensuring that the link between the Church and the Famee remain strong. It was his great love and respect for Friuli's cultural heritage that in part led and inspired both he and Rino Pellegrina, to be the driving forces behind the linking of all Furlan Fogolars across Canada thereby creating what today we know as Fogolars Federation of Canada. Father Bulfon's early demise in 1985 was a blow to the Famee, but his footprint remained as the link between Church and Famee continued through Mass celebrations in the Friuli Hall until 1991. It was then that the Archdiocese of Toronto put an end to the practice. This decision was greatly contested by Famee leadership, arguing that the link between Church and the Famee was strengthened by these masses. The Archdiocese decision was not overturned, and such masses remain but a memory. During his tenure, Father Bulfon was a dynamic religious leader, a positive force and an avid proponent of furlanitat.