

The Villa News

Cesare Battisti Lodge No. 27 of the Midwest District Italian Sons and Daughters of America (ISDA)

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JANUARY 2018

From the President's Desk



Dear Lodge Brothers,



I hope everybody had a safe and great time celebrating New Year's Eve however it was you celebrated bringing in the new year. My wish to everybody is for a happy and healthy 2018.

Lodge dues are now due. Nick Lemon will be collecting starting in January. It is only \$35 for the year. You can pay at the meeting or mail your check to Nick. Please fill out the form at the end of this Newsletter.

The Man of the Year/Christmas party was a great time, and there was a good turnout to honor our scholarship students and Nick Restauri. Nick's grandson Jack gave a great speech about his grandfather and his being part of the club. Nick expressed his thanks to everyone who came and especially to the selection committee. He was and is very proud to be an honoree. Thanks to everybody that helped make this another great Christmas party.

We have a fundraiser that is being chaired by Tony Basso, where you have 30 chances to win for only \$20 (see info on page 4). If you are interested, please see Tony for tickets and help us out.

The lodge brothers decided to cancel the February Lodge meeting because it lands on Valentine's Day, and they know what's good for them. Just kidding — but the members did decide not to have a meeting on February 14th, but a Valentine's party that night instead. There will be music and dinner and open bar for only \$90 per couple. Also, because that will be the beginning of Lent, we will also offer the choice of a fish entree. Lodge members who attend this event will be credited for attendance for our attendance award for 2018.

Brother Rich Wolf is still working on his rehabilitation and is getting better everyday. The members have elected to have a fundraiser to assist Rich and his family, which will be held at the Villa on February 25th. Please purchase a ticket even if you cannot make it. We are also looking for door prizes/donations for the raffle drawings. Thank you in advance for your help.

Jody Biancardi will once again be chairing the St Patrick's Day party. Tickets will be available soon, so please let Jody know what you need. I'm sure you are aware how fast this party sells out.

Bocce will be starting up again on Monday evenings beginning January 15th. Make sure to contact Jon Biancardi if you are interested.

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MEETINGS AND FUTURE EVENT DATES:

Wed., Jan. 3	House Committee Meeting
Wed., Jan. 10	Members Meeting
Wed., Feb. 14	Valentine's Dinner/Dance
Sun., Feb. 25	Fundraiser for Rich Wolf
Sat., Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day Party
Every Monday	Bocce League
Jan. 15 - Feb. 26	

President's Message (continued)

There will be two Italian classes which are starting on January 15th — one for beginners and the second for advanced. It is only \$10 per class. Contact Ivana Sedia at 773-787-9256 or worldofwords17@gmail.com.

The CB Lodge's children's party was a fun time for all, thanks to Tony and Gerri Basso and Rich and JoEllen Fanno, and all of their other helpers, and, of course, Santa Claus himself. I heard some great reviews about the presents and the party.

We could not be a successful Lodge and business without all the members and our staff that work so hard all year, so I just want to extend a big THANK YOU to all of you.

The House Committee and the staff have just completed the Bridal Suite, which is a great option for future weddings. Make sure to come on down and check it out.

Once again Happy New Year and hope to see you at a meeting or an event. Why not make your new year's resolution to get more involved and continue our Italian traditions.

God Bless and see you at the next meeting.

Jim Malloy

Upcoming Events

Mondays, Jan. 15—Feb. 26 Bocce Tournament.

Register by January 10th. \$140 per team (4 people). New tournament session starts Monday, January 15th and ends February 26th. Come join the fun—sign up a team or just come by for some fun and to cheer for your favorite team. villabocce@gmail.com.

Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Valentine's Day Party.

Join us to celebrate Valentine's Day with live entertainment, dancing, food, and drinks from 6-10pm with dinner served at 7pm (choice of one of two entrees). Only \$90.00 per couple. See page 7 for more information. Contact the Villa for tickets.

Sunday, February 25, 2018. Fundraiser for Family of Rich Wolf.

Please be sure to attend this fundraising event for one of our very own who has done so much for our Lodge. Additional information will be provided in the next few weeks.

Saturday, March 17, 2018. St. Patrick's Day Party.

Our annual St. Patrick's Day Party will be held Saturday, March 17th. This popular party sells out **quickly**, so make sure to contact Jody Biancardi for tickets as soon as possible. Tickets are \$40.00 per person (includes food, open bar, DJ).

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Reminders and Updates



Sick Benefit and Scholarship Award Payouts. Receipts for either sick benefits or scholarship must be given to Ed Malloy (sick benefit) or Nick Lemon (scholarship benefit). After they are reviewed and approved, checks will be mailed, and you should expect to receive your check within two months.

Sick Members. If you know of any lodge member who is ill or in the hospital, please let Ed Malloy know.

Donation Requests. Tax Exempt or Tax ID number is required for all recommendations for donations to be considered by the officers.

Moving or Change your Email Address?

Don't forget to let the office know so we have your current contact information.



Honor Guards. If you hear of the unfortunate passing of a fellow lodge member, please contact Rich Fanno (219-616-6545) to volunteer to stand honor guard.

Chaplain Services. Our Chaplain is available to make hospital visits to our sick members and also for support and

with Sympathy

Sincere condolences to Marcello Borgetti and the Borgetti Family for the loss of Annette.

She will be truly missed.

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We are providing opportunity for our members, family, friends, and businesses to leave a lasting imprint near the entrance of Villa Cesare Banquet Center. To show our love of country, state, and Italian heritage, Cesare Battisti Lodge #27 will be installing 3 flag poles — American, State, and Italian — at the front entrance to the Villa. A paver brick patio will be part of this attractive focal point.

We will be offering bricks in two sizes:

4x8 with 3 lines (20 spaces per line) for \$50.00 each

8x8 with 6 lines (20 spaces per line) for \$75.00 each

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To commemorate an event

Please contact the Villa for order forms. You may also contact Frank Basso for further information or forms.

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* Congratulations! to our 2018 Man of the Year, Nick Restauri



Bocce Tournament starts Mondays January 15th through February 26th.

4-person teams \$140



Register now by emailing villabocce@gmail.com.



CESARE BATTISTI LODGE NO. 27

~ 30 CHANCES TO WIN ~

Illinois Lottery Pick 3 Numbers



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 2018						
1 \$500	2 \$200	3 \$200	4 \$200	5 \$200	6 \$200	7 \$500
8 \$500	9 \$200	10 \$200	11 \$200	12 \$200	13 \$200	14 \$500
15 \$500	16 \$200	17 \$200	18 \$200	19 \$200	20 \$200	21 \$500
22 \$500	23 \$200	24 \$200	25 \$200	26 \$200	27 \$200	28 \$500
29 \$500	30 \$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$500

Tickets must be turned in by 3/28/18

Donation \$20.00

All Unsold Tickets Remain Property of Cesare Battisti No. 27

No 344

All cash winning will be determined by the amount shown on ticket each day of the calendar for APRIL 2018. Not responsible for typographical errors. Winning Numbers taken from the official IL "Pick 3" No., 7:00 PM Drawing—1st Number Drawn is official. No bonus or wild numbers. If no number, use previous day's number in reverse. Tickets stubs must be turned in by 3/28/18 to qualify for prizes.

RAFFLE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL.

30 chances to win!!! Match your ticket number to the 7pm Illinois "Pick 3" Drawing for the day and win the prize shown. Tickets are \$20 each and must be turned in with payment by March 28, 2108 to qualify. See ticket stub for rules. Please contact Tony Basso or the Villa for tickets.

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The Children's Christmas Party


Thank you to Tony and Geri Basso and Rich and JoEllen Fanno for once again hosting the Christmas party for our children. The kids had a great time watching a magic show while waiting for Santa to arrive.



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There are plenty of unique places to dine in the Region. The Times' Eloise Valadez has visited a few. See what she has to say about one of our member's (Frank Verta) restaurant.

Pork Chop Dinner at Frankie V's

Eloise Marie Valadez, The Times (12/31/17)

Diners looking for a casual place to enjoy a good, hearty meal will be more than satisfied with a visit to Frankie V's Bar & Grill.

Frankie V's, on Calumet Avenue in Whiting, is housed in what was formerly Up For Grabs. The intimate pub-style eatery specializes in Italian cuisine.

Upon entering the small restaurant, guests walk right into the bar area with booths located across from the bar. Diners may choose to sit at the bar or at one of the booths to enjoy a meal.

We visited Frankie V's on a recent Saturday afternoon for a late lunch. Our booth was located near the door and across from a large-screen TV. Three televisions, displaying different programs, are set up in the bar area.

Spending time in Frankie V's, it's easy to feel as though you're in an old-time saloon from the 1950s or '60s. The day we visited, the waitress was attentive and gladly answered our questions about the menu offerings.

Various menu categories at the eatery include sections for Appetizers; Soups & Salads; Cold Sandwiches; Hot Sandwiches; Steaks; Pasta; and more.

After checking out the menu, we decided on an old-fashioned meaty offering: the Pork Chop dinner. (\$8.95).

Visitors to Frankie V's will, no doubt, be pleasantly surprised at the serving sizes as well as the prices at the restaurant. The \$8.95 price tag was a deal for the portion served.

The tender, juicy Pork Chop dinner came with two good-sized chops, a side salad, bread, a side of green beans, choice of potato (we chose baked) and a side of applesauce. There was definitely plenty to enjoy later at home.


Among other menu choices at the restaurant are Fried Calamari (\$8.50 for appetizer); Toasted Ravioli appetizer (\$6.95); Chicken Caesar Salad (\$7.95); Chicken Vesuvio sandwich (\$9.95); Meatball Sandwich (\$8.95); The Ultimate Grilled Cheese, (\$8.95) which is a triple-decker sandwich; Ribeye Steak (\$23.95) for a 14-ounce steak; Chicken Dinner (\$9.95); Spaghetti Carbonara (\$10.95); Homemade Lasagna (\$10); and more.

There often are specials featured on a board at the back of the eatery as well. Frankie V's also offers carry-out and delivery.

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MANGIA BENE!

The Italo American National Union Foundation has put together a cookbook that belongs in the kitchen of every Italian-American chef. Titled "Let's Eat From Our Kitchen to Yours," this timeless collection contains 466 mouthwatering recipes plus a wealth of helpful hints.

All of the recipes were bestowed by IANU members as well as their family and friends, including those who have gone before us, leaving behind priceless culinary treasures to prepare and enjoy.

"Let's Eat" will make a cherished addition to your own cookbook library as well as a welcome gift for Mother's Day, Christmas, birthdays, weddings, bridal showers, anniversaries and other special occasions.

SO DON'T DELAY! PURCHASE YOUR COPIES OF 'LET'S EAT' TODAY!

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Contact the Villa or Tony Basso today for your copies!

The Italian American Women's Club of Lake County is seeking women of Italian heritage or espousal from ages 16-116 to join our Club. We meet monthly for camaraderie, friendship, sharing of Italian heritage, and of course, and amazing dinner. Most importantly, our Club supports food banks, the Humane Society, and local charities. Our Club also honors all students of active members who are seeking to attain higher education or career training at a college, university, business college, or trade school, with a scholarship. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at Villa Cesare. Come join us at our next meeting. We'll save you a seat!

To reserve a spot or for more information, contact:
 Leslie Poplon (President) lpoplon@gmail.com
 Gina Geiss (Vice President) ginageiss@yahoo.com



Remember, the Italian American Women's Club (IAWC) Fashion Show is Sunday, April 29

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Happy Birthday

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Tomato Risotto

- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1½ cups arborio rice
- ½ cup dry white wine
- 1 cup Tomato Water
- 1 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan plus more for serving
- 6 Oil-Poached Tomato halves, coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper



Bring 6 cups water to a boil over medium heat; remove from heat, cover and keep warm.

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat; add onion and cook, stirring often, until soft, about 5 minutes. Add rice and cook, stirring constantly, 2 minutes. Add wine and cook, stirring constantly, until evaporated, about 1 minute. Add ½ cup water and cook, stirring often, until water is absorbed. Continue adding water by ½-cupfuls, stirring often, until rice is tender but still firm to the bite, 20–25 minutes. (You may not need all the water).



Mix in Tomato Water, butter, and 2 Tbsp. Parmesan; season with salt and pepper. Simmer, stirring often, until liquid is mostly absorbed, about 2 minutes. Mix in Oil-Poached Tomatoes.

Serve risotto topped with more Parmesan.

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Do you know of anyone interested in becoming a **MEMBER** of our organization?

Do you have an idea for a **PARTY** or a **FUNDRAISER**?
Bring it up at the next meeting for the "good of the order".

Do you have
...STORIES, RECIPES, ANNOUNCEMENTS or THOUGHTS to
share?

...PICTURES or a REPORT from a recent lodge function?
...SUGGESTIONS or COMMENTS about this newsletter?

Please feel free to share any thoughts.

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