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From the President's Desk



Dear Lodge Brothers,

I hope you all had a great Labor Day with family and friends. Sometimes we get so busy we forget how much we have and that we are blessed. In the last week I have been around people grieving for loved ones that have passed in different ways, and it has been very tough. I just want to tell all of my lodge family how much I love and appreciate them. We have to remember all our past family and friends who labored so hard for us to help us achieve a better life.

Now for some upbeat news – you guys did it again. The fest guided by Jon Biancardi was bigger and better than last year. Jon really did a great job leading this event. We had so much help, from the first day of setting up to the last day of tearing down. I wish I could name everybody, but I know I would forget somebody and I don't want to do that. I know our committee chairpersons did their best to acknowledge all the assistance they had (see pg. 11). A lot of hands are needed to run such a huge event and so there are so many to thank: including our set-up and clean-up groups, bartenders, cookie bakers and sellers, ticket sellers, our lodge member group, those that ran the spaghetti eating and grape stomping contests, those who assisted for the pasta making classes, our bocce tournament referees, pop and water sellers, the behind-the-scenes money handlers, the Italian American Women's club, and many, many more that made a successful fest. THANK YOU all!!

The Fall League Bocce Tournament will begin Thursday nights beginning October 3rd. You can register and find more info at cblodge27.org/events.

We will have the tailgate party for the Bears game on October 20th. Contact Kevin Cieslak, Ed Malloy or John Juranovich for tickets or information. This is a members-only party and it is just \$5.00 per person, but you must pay in advance. Go Bears! The doors open at 2:00 pm. You can RSVP at cblodge27.org/events.

The big event - our 100th anniversary - will be here before you know it. Tickets are available now. Get your friends together to help us celebrate this special occasion. You may also RSVP on the website at cblodge27.org/events. Don't miss this historic event. It is only \$50.00 for members and \$60.00 for non-members.

There is a form and information sheet on the last two pages of this newsletter for anyone interested in putting an ad in our 100 anniversary program book. This is an option for members, families, and businesses. Please contact anyone you feel may be interested. (You may also contact Dave Graziani to be sure to be included in the honor roll.)

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MEETINGS AND FUTURE EVENT DATES:

Wed., Sept. 4 House Committee Meeting Wed., Sept. 11 Members' Meeting

Thursdays Oct. 3 -Nov. 14 Bocce Tournament

Sun., Oct. 20 Tailgate Party

Sat., Nov. 9 100th Anniversary Celebration

Sun.. Dec. 8 Memorial Mass for Deceased



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

The Memorial Mass for deceased members will be on December 8th beginning at noon. We are looking for someone to lead us in song during the mass. Please contact me or the Villa if you know of anyone who may be interested. Please also RSVP at cblodge27.org/events.

We are now accepting Mutual members, so be sure to come to the next meeting for more information. Basically, we will be welcoming new members who do not have to purchase an ISDA policy. Other rules do apply.

We are always looking for more help for all of our events, so please ask what you can do now and in the future.

In case you aren't aware, there is now a new Cesare Battisti website (<u>cblodge27.org</u>). Please be sure to check it out and share it. There is information about our lodge and upcoming events.

God Bless and hope to see at the next meeting.

Jim Mallloy



Reminders and Updates

<u>Sick Benefit and Scholarship Award Payouts.</u> 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.

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

<u>Donation Requests.</u> 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.

<u>Honor Guards</u>. 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.

<u>Chaplain Services</u>. Our Chaplain is available to make hospital visits to our sick members and also for support and prayer after the passing of fellow lodge members.

Upcoming Events

NEW: You can now view upcoming events on the CB Lodge #27 official website at <u>cblodge27.org</u>

Thursdays, Oct. 3 — Nov. 14, 2019 Bocce Tournament

Remember to register today! Teams are filling up quickly. \$160 per team/4 player teams

2 games per week/single elimination playoffs in the last week. Register at: https://www.villacesare.com/events or email villabocce@gmail.com for inquiries. If you don't have a team yet, send an email to see if anyone is looking for players!!

Sunday, October 20, 2019. Bears Tailgate Party

\$5 per person and must be paid in advance. Open to members and spouse/girlfriends only. RSVP to Kevin Cieslak or Ed Malloy or at cblodge27.org/events.

Saturday, November 9, 2019. Centennial Celebration

6:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Come celebrate Cesare Battisti's 100th Anniversary. Antipasti Table, dinner, open Bar. Live Entertainment featuring The Sounds of Jersey Boys, Rat Pack & Motown. \$60 per person (lodge members \$50 or \$100/couple)

Sunday, December 8, 2019. Deceased Members Memorial Mass

Noon. Breakfast will follow the mass.



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT <u>villacesare.com.</u>



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Tony Basso









Join us as Cesare Battisti Lodge Celebrates 100 Years of Italian Traditions and Community Engagement!

This elegant formal affair (black tie optional) will feature:

- 💥 Antipasti Table
- X Traditional Italian Dinner
- X Open Bar
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\$60 per person lodge members \$50 per person Nov 09, 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM





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Indoor Bocce Ball League.

Come join us for a fun time! The Bocce Fall League is ready to begin. Games will be played on **Thursday Nights** beginning *October 3 through*



November 14. Be sure to register your teams now. Come on down on Thursday evenings to enjoy bocce, watch football, eat and drink, and win prizes. This is open to everyone, so be sure to gather some friends and put a team together or come join one of the teams.

- ⇒ Games 6:30—10pm (varying times)
- ⇒ 2 games per week
- ⇒\$160 per team (\$40/person) 4 player teams
- ⇒ Single elimination playoffs in the last week

Email villabocce@gmail.com for information.

Register at: https://www.villacesare.com/events

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.

E-mail your information to thevillanews@gmail.com
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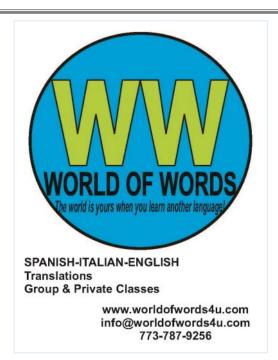


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Be sure to check out the NEW official



website for CB Lodge #27, featuring our history, upcoming events, membership information, and more at cblodge27.org.

This is in addition to the Villa Cesare website at villacesare.com.

BRICK PAVER FLAGPOLE PROJECT

This project is coming along nicely and is such a nice addition to our building. Thank you to Frank Basso, John Rizzardo, Dave Graziani, and Nick Lemon for all your hard work. There is still opportunity for you, your family, friends, and businesses to leave a lasting imprint near the entrance of Villa Cesare Banquet Center. The flags are flying — American, State, and Italian — and bricks are being added. Make sure to stop by and check it out.

Bricks are available 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

Consider ordering a brick:

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To honor family and friends

To remember or memorialize a loved one

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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Scholarships

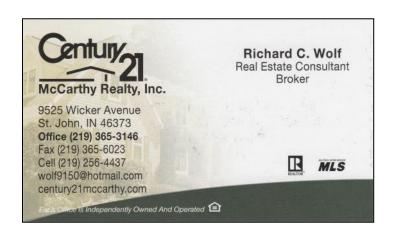
The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans
Is awarding scholarships to students.

Frank J. Vigilante Scholarship Is awarded to persons of Italian extraction, demonstrating financial need, and have high academic achievement. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of their Italian heritage, financial need, high academic achievement, and the quality of their Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans (JCCIA) Frank J. Vigilante Scholarship Application. Students must have proof of being admitted to and/or enrolled at an accredited institution of higher education. The award amount will be \$5000.00 for a one-time scholarship. Deadline to submit is November 1, 2019.

Nick and Helena Patti Foundation Scholarship is awarded to

persons of Italian parentage for assistance in music or education for college students who are orphans or who were raised in foster homes. Preference for scholarship awards may be given to students studying music and to those individuals who have been orphaned. However, scholarships can be awarded for other fields of study. The award amount will be \$6500.00 for a one-time scholarship. Deadline to submit is November 1, 2019.

Scholarships may be viewed on our web page www.jccia.com
Or call the JCCIA office at 708-450-9050 or e-mail jcc@iccia.com



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The Italian American Women's Club (IAWC) 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 or Gina Geiss (Vice President) ginageiss@yahoo.com



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Pasta Melanzana

- 3/4 cup uncooked bow tie pasta
- 1 medium eggplant
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 4-5 cups fresh spinach, chopped
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- salt and pepper
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- cracked black pepper to taste

Peel and slice the eggplant into about 1/2 inch slices, sprinkle both sides of each slice generously with salt, and let sit for at least an hour. The eggplant should release a fair amount of liquid. Rinse off the eggplant slices, pat dry, and cut into cubes.

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain. Keep warm.

Meanwhile, heat the olive oil and butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic; cook and stir until softened. Mix in the eggplant. Let the eggplant cook for 5 minutes without stirring. Then stir and cook until tender, about 5 more minutes.

Mix in the spinach and season with salt, and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 minutes. Stir in the drained pasta and lemon juice along with 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese. Transfer to a serving dish and top with remaining cheese and cracked black pepper.





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What a great festival! Great job by everyone who pitched in and worked together to make this such a success for our lodge, for our community, and for our Italian heritage. We had such great help and support during the entire Festival. There are so many people involved behind-the-scenes as well as those we all saw working so hard. Even though not everyone may be listed who was

instrumental from before the event began and throughout, all involved deserve our deepest gratitude and THANK YOU. As you are aware, there was a lot of preparation and hard work that went into this Festival over the last year. Thank you to all our committees and their chairpersons who really got the job done! Our biggest thank you, however, goes out to Jon Biancardi, who worked tireless to make everything come together, from obtaining sponsorships and vendors, setting up committees, and basically guiding and assisting throughout. We were fortunate this year to have some additional help from local school students. Again, we apologize if we have missed any volunteers, but please know that everyone is greatly appreciated for making this such a successful event.

2019 Festa Italiana

Chair: Jon Biancardi

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Toni Johnston

Josh Biancardi

Patti Barth

Chair: Dave Graziani Ron DiMichele Joe Tellez **Dennis Geiss** Kevin Cieslak

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Chair: Jody Biancardi Frank Sparano Jim Malloy Mark Ricciardi

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Chair: Kevin Cieslak MarySue Cieslak Trevor Cieslak Paige Cieslak Erika LaRock Lisa Klapkowski Dan Malloy Ed Malloy Ron DiMichele John Juranovich

Large Raffle (Tickets)

Chair: Jody Biancardi Dennis Fanno Carol Graziani

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Join Us as Cesare Battisti Lodge #27 Celebrates Italian Traditions and Community Engagement









VILLA CESARE 900 Eagle Ridge Dr. Schererville, IN 46375 www.villacesare.com 219-322-3011

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019
6 pm - 7 pm Cocktails and Hors d' oeuvres
Remarks with Dinner to follow
Music by Vince Amore
\$60 per Person

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Please join us for our 100th Anniversary Celebration and experience a truly one-of-a-kind event! Enjoy a fun, interactive and exciting evening filled with old and new friends, fabulous food, live entertainment, and dancing.

Show your support for the programs and services of Cesare Battisti Lodge by becoming a sponsor, placing an ad in our program book, or buying tickets to the Celebration. All tickets must be purchased in advance.



Celebrating Cesare Battisti Lodge

Established in 1919, Cesare Battisti Lodge is an Italian-American non-profit organization that has been making contributions to charities and organizations, both local and abroad, for an entire century! Our overarching goal is to preserve, promote, and celebrate the spirit and passion of Italian-American culture and heritage. However, we are also contributors to the local community by awarding scholarships to students, and donating funds to medical research, disaster relief efforts, education, cultural preservation and other important projects.

Honor Cesare Battisti Lodge or a member by placing a tribute ad in our program book.

For more information about tickets, ad books and sponsorship opportunities, please contact: Villa Cesare at 219-322-3011 or events@villacsare.com or visit www.villacesare.com/events



Sponsorship/Program Book Ad Order Form

Centennial Celebration

A Celebration of 100 Years of Italian Traditions & Community Engagement **Saturday, November 9, 2019**

7hank you for generously supporting the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Cesare Battisti Lodge with a program ad. All artwork must be submitted by Oct. 13, 2019 in JPEG, TIFF, or PDF format to <u>events@villacesare.com</u>.

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Centennial Celebration Tickets: Join us on Saturday, November 9th at Villa Cesare for an elegant evening of fine dining and live entertainment featuring the sounds of Jersey Boys, Rat Pack & Motown.

Table of 10: \$600 • Individual Ticket: \$60

Please return completed form with your check payable to CB Lodge #27 to: CB Lodge #27 • PO Box 466 • Schererville, IN 46375

Payments are also accepted online via www.villacesare.com/events
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