

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

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# From the President's Desk



Dear Lodge Brothers,

Hope you enjoyed your Labor Day and did not forget about all the hard-working people that have made and continue to make our country so great. I am sure we all have relatives who labored hard to get where we are today.

Wow!! We asked for help for our festival, and we got it. From Wednesday night all the way through Sunday night, we had an abundance of help and support. What a terrific turnout and show of support from all ages – men, women, and children. We could not have pulled off this festival without all of your help. Once again, this is what our club is all about. There were even some people assisting that we did not even know, so how great is that. I personally will be the first one to admit that I was scared to attempt this event again, but we all pulled together and made it bigger and better than last year. My heartfelt appreciation to Jon Biancardi for plugging away at this and having the perseverance and foresight to make it happen.

We were blessed with great weather. All ages came out to watch and participate in our spaghetti eating contests and grape stomping contest and to taste the great food from the vendors. The bocce courts were being put to good use, even when the tournament wasn't going on. The music talent we had was unbelievable and kept everyone entertained, during the daytime as well as the nighttime. We had even more sponsors this year to help defray our costs. Please be sure to support our local sponsors. The raffle was a huge success, so I want to thank everybody who bought and sold tickets.

On behalf of all members, thank you very much to everybody that worked. I cannot even begin to list everyone that volunteered or helped in some way because I know I would miss some people, but a very big THANK YOU goes out to everybody involved from top to bottom. I have asked each chairperson to give proper accolades to their team members and hopefully those names will be in the newsletter either this month or next month.

The date for the tailgate party is September 30th. We will open our doors at 11:00 am. Once again, to prepare enough food we are asking for a \$5 donation per person which must be paid in advance. This is a members and spouses only party. See Ed Malloy, Kevin Cieslak or John Juranovich. Go Bears!

Get a group together for our Murder Mystery Dinner on October 26th. This is a fun event that includes audience participation. Call the Villa for tickets. Also, be sure to keep open November 17th for our first Sock Hop featuring The Neverly Brothers.

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## **MEETINGS AND FUTURE EVENT DATES:**

Mon., Sept, 5 House Committee Meeting

Wed., Sept. 12 Members' Meeting
Sun., Sept. 30 Bears Tailgate Party

Thursdays Oct. 4 - Nov. 15 Bocce Tournament

Fri., Oct. 26 Murder Mystery Dinner

Sun., Oct. 28 Trick or Treat at the Villa

Sun., Nov. 4 Memorial Mall Sat., Nov. 17 50s & 60s Sock Hop

Sat., Dec. 15 Member of the Year Dinner

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# President's Message

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November 4th will be our deceased members mass beginning at 11:00 am. I have found a singer, but we are still looking for someone to play an instrument. This is a family event. We would appreciate if you would please RSVP to the office so we can have enough food prepared.

We are trying something different for the Children's Halloween party on October 28th. The party will be open to all, but special invitations will be sent to the lodge children with policies.

Last week, our Board members went to Buffalo, New York to see how our ISDA is doing and to attend the bi-annual convention. We learned that our finances are doing well and our interest rates are going up. The ISDA account has grown to over \$107 million. If you are looking to invest your money at rates that are better than local CDs, let us know. We are going to try to get our new insurance man to come to our club to help us understand all the new policies.

We attended meetings and saw a lot of old friends from ISDA. We even got to go to Niagara Falls one day. A lot of the talk at the convention was about getting younger people involved. Our President Basil Russo asked Jon Biancardi to attend a dinner in New York to represent him at a Columbus Day event. The New York area is opening up two new lodges and Jon will get to talk to them about the ISDA and our own lodge. Congratulations to Jon; we are proud that he was chosen.

The bocce league will be starting again on October 4th and is moving to Thursday nights. Look for more information in the newsletter or contact Jon Biancardi.

Make sure to make plans to attend our Man of the Year party on December 15th honoring the well-deserving John Rizzardo. Tickets will be available at the next meeting.

God Bless and see you at the next meeting or event.

Jim Malloy

# **Upcoming Events**

# Sunday, September 30, 2018 **Bears Tailgate Party**



▲ 11:00 AM. \$5.00 per person in advance. Members and spouses/significant others only.

# Thursdays, October 4—November 15, 2018 **Bocce Tournament**

Remember to register today!

\$160 per team/4 player teams

2 games per week/single elimination playoffs in the last week.

Register at: <a href="https://www.villacesare.com/copy-of-events">https://www.villacesare.com/copy-of-events</a>

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!!

# Friday, October 26, 2018

The Murder Mystery Company Presents...

"Midnight at the Masquerade"

A Masquerade Murder Mystery Event!

6:00 - 9:00 PM (21 and over), \$50 per person

Contact the Villa for tickets or buy online at EventBrite.

It's up to you to determine which partygoer is guilty, bring this crime to justice, and save the party! Includes welcome cocktail, passed Hors d'oeuvres, and Dinner: mixed greens salad, sliced beef tenderloin OR stuffed chicken marsala, roasted red and gold potatoes, fresh mixed vegetables and NY cheesecake with frambois sauce. Cash bar available.

# Sunday, October 28, 2018 Halloween Trick or Treat

# Come one-come all

5:00—8:00 PM. Live entertainment. Food and drink concessions available (eligible children will receive food coupons). Kids Activities. Everyone is welcome!



# Sunday, November 4, 2018 **Memorial Mass for Deceased Members**

11:00 AM. Mass with a brunch to follow. Bring the family! Please RSVP to the Villa office.

# Saturday, November 17, 2018 1950s & 1960s Sock Hop

Featuring The Neverly Brothers

6:00 - 10:00 PM (ALL AGES) Tickets \$20 per person in advance; \$25 day of event. Contact the Villa for tickets or buy online at EventBrite.

Should be a fun time with Rock n' Roll Tributes from Elvis to The Beatles and a dance contest - win valuable prizes!!!

Cash concessions including hamburgers, hot dogs, beef sandwiches, fries, chili, onion rings, floats, green rivers and more!

# Saturday, December 15, 2018 Member of the Year/Tom & Jerry/ Scholarship Awards Dinner

Cocktails 6:00 pm / Dinner 7:00 pm

Members and scholarship recipients: free / All other quests: \$30.00



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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 prayer after the passing of fellow lodge members.

# Indoor Bocce Ball League.

Come join us for a fun time! The Bocce League has moved to Thursday Nights beginning October 4 through November 15. 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.

- $\Rightarrow$  Games 6:30—10pm
- ⇒ 2 games per week
- $\Rightarrow$ \$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/copy-of-events





BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY REVAMPED AND UPDATED WEBSITE AT villacesare.com.

# **Member of the Year/Tom and Jerry Christmas Party/** Scholarship Awards Dinner Set for December 15, 2018

Tickets are available for the 2018 Member of the Year/Tom and Jerry Christmas Party. We will be honoring John Rizzardo as our Member of the Year. Cocktails begin at 6:00 pm and Dinner is at 7:00 pm. Members must have dues paid up to receive their free ticket. Widows and scholarship recipients' tickets are free. All other tickets are \$30. For tickets, you can see or call Dennis Noworyta (708-895-1574) or call the Villa office at 219-322-3011. They will also be available at the September Members meeting (9/12).



# BRICK PAVER FLAGPOLE PROJECT SECOND PHASE BEGINNING SOON!

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 Consider ordering a brick:

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

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# **Advertising Opportunities.**

Are you (or anyone you know) interested in having your business advertising seen by hundreds of potential customers every month? Please contact Tony Basso, the Villa, or send an email to **thevillanews@gmail.com** for information on advertising in this newsletter. This is open to the public, so tell your friends, family members, and employers — it's only \$24.00 a year. THIS IS AN AMAZING DEAL! Be sure to patronize our advertisers.

Advertising is \$24.00 per year (or \$2.00/month). Make checks payable to CB Lodge #27 and send to Tony Basso, 6110 Kennedy Ave., Hammond, IN 46324.

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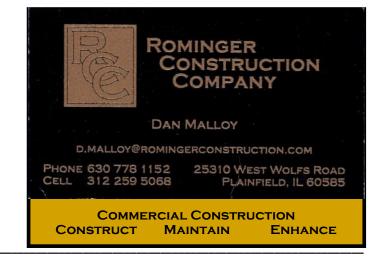
Tony Basso

# OVEN BAKED LEMON GARLIC CHICKEN & VEGETABLES

- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1/2 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup breadcrumbs
- 1/3 cup fresh grated parmesan cheese
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts (or thighs)
- 8-10 (1 pound) baby potatoes, quartered
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- salt to taste
- 1 pound green beans, cut into thirds

Preheat oven to 400°F. Lightly grease a baking sheet with cooking oil spray, or a light coating of oil. Set aside. In a large bowl, whisk together the egg, lemon juice, 2 teaspoons garlic, parsley, salt and pepper. Dip chicken into egg mixture, cover and allow to marinade in the refrigerator for 30 minutes to an hour (if time allows).\* In another bowl, combine the breadcrumbs with the parmesan cheese. Dredge the egg coated chicken in the breadcrumb/parmesan mixture, lightly pressing to evenly coat. Place chicken onto the baking sheet and lightly spray with cooking oil spray. Arrange the potatoes around the chicken in a single layer. Mix together the butter, 2 teaspoons garlic and salt to taste, and pour half of the butter mixture over the potatoes. Toss to evenly coat. Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes. Remove baking tray from the oven and carefully flip each chicken breast. Move the potatoes to one side and place the green beans around the chicken on the other side of the baking sheet. Pour over the remaining garlic butter and return to the oven to broil (or grill) on medium-high heat for a further 10 minutes, or until chicken is golden and crisp, and potatoes are cooked through.

\*The chicken develops a deeper flavor when marinaded in the egg mixture, although if you don't have time, you can omit this step.







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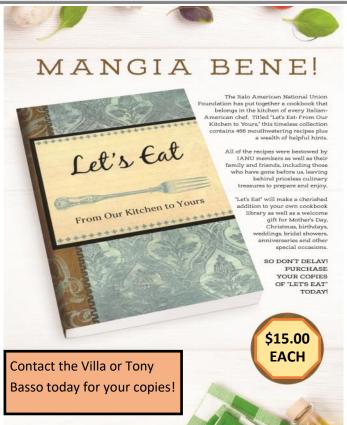
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The Villa will be hosting bocce ball at the World Cultural Festival on Sunday, September 16th from 12 pm-5 pm. Come on out to help get the word out about our club, play some bocce, and/or to support the Valparaiso International Center. Contact Jon Biancardi if interested at <a href="mailto:VillaBocce@gmail.com">VillaBocce@gmail.com</a> or 219-616-4842.





John's Pair

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 <a href="mailto:thevillanews@gmail.com">thevillanews@gmail.com</a>

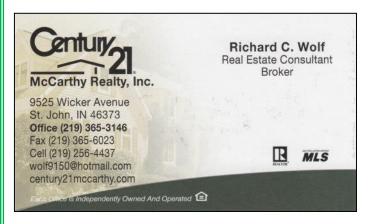
# The Italian American Women's Club of Lake

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) <u>lpoplon@gmail.com</u> Gina Geiss (Vice President) <u>ginageiss@yahoo.com</u>











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We had such great help and support during the entire Festival this year. There were so many people involved in the set-up and the breakdown from both the men's lodge and the women's lodge, as well as their family members. Sunday night, especially, we had an impressive amount of people cleaning up and putting everything away. Even though we have not listed all those persons from before and after the event, they deserve our deepest gratitude and we THANK YOU ALL. 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 apologize if we have missed any committee members, but please know that everyone is greatly appreciated for making this such a successful event.

## **Electrical / Major Set-Up**

Dave Graziani John Rizzardo Ed Kasiak

#### Villa Info Booth

Co-Chair: Dennis Noworyta Co-Chair: Nick Lemon Dennis Fanno, Frank Basso

# **Parking**

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# **Italian Cookies**

Chair: Lucy DiMichele

#### Bakers:

Marisa Mistro Patti Conterato Nancy Noworyta Gabriella Bitner Marlene Wolf Leslie Poplon Cheri Malloy Mary Jane DiMichele Carol Graziani Sara Broz Connie Mark Nathleen Oliverio Jan Mansueto Dee Roma JoAnne Baldin Marge Lulinski Toni Johnston Debbie Biancardi Janet Jelski-Schreiber JoEllen Fanno Louise Volpi

# Additional persons who helped sell cookies:

Jackie Rizzardo Helen Maver Gina Musolino Dan Mansueto

# **Bartenders and Beer**

## **Ticket Sales**

Chair: Ed Malloy Dave Graziani Toni Johnston Jim Biancardi Grace Biancardi Jody Biancardi Debbie Biancardi Carol Graziani Frank Sparano Nancy Sparano Mary Sue Cieslak Kevin Cieslak Geri Basso Tony Basso Connie Mark Kathy Urbanik Rita Rendina Brenda Fanno Dean Fanno **Emily Fanno** Debbie Wargo Cheryl Sambrookes Pat Piazza Lori Minyard Kaysee Cieslak Paige Cieslak Christine Keenan Leslie Poplon Louise Volpe Claudio Triplo Eddie Malloy (Jr) Joey Malloy

## Pop & Water

Josh Biancardi

Micki Biancardi

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# Spaghetti Contest

Co-Chair: Kevin Cieslak Co-Chair: MarySue Cieslak Trevor Cieslak Paige Cieslak Kaysee Cieslak Erika Malloy Ron DiMichele

#### 50/50 & Raffles

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Toni Johnston
Dennis Noworyta
Nancy Noworyta
Jo Ellen Fanno
Sebastian Puntillo
Frank Basso
Mark Riccardi
Tim Sisco
Tony DiCostanza
Debbie Malloy
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#### **Large Raffle (Tickets)**

Jody Biancardi Dennis Fanno Carol Graziani

#### **Grape Stomping**

Josh Holmes Dave Graziani Jody Biancardi Jon Biancardi Ron DiMichele Kevin Cieslak

#### **Bocce Courts**

Jon Biancardi Jody Biancardi Michael Calarie Dominic Sparano Tony DiCostanza Jim Malloy

## **Maintenance and Grounds**

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