

# The Villa News

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,

All I can say is WOW, this year's St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Day Party was bigger and better than ever. Once again we had a great crowd, food and music. We had Peggy Lawrence and Patti Barth handling our raffles, with the help of many sellers. We also had Mr. 50/50, Dave Graziani, and his helper Kevin Cieslak, and Debbie Biancardi and Carol Graziani were helping check everybody in. A big thanks to all – but the biggest THANKS goes to the man that has been running this event for 25+ years, Mr. Jody Biancardi. The CB Lodge really depends on this party. Also, I cannot forget our Villa staff and Kaptur Events who fed the massive crowd in record time. I have heard from many people what a great a time they had.

We have a lot of other event coming up, so let's keep it going with you and your friends joining in the fun.

- **Bocce and Brews** – April 21. \$160 per team (only \$40 per person) for the bocce tournament and beers. Get your four-person team together and compete for cash prizes. Go online to register <http://www.villacesare.com/events/bocce-brews-tournament/> or contact the Villa.
- **Cinco de Mayo Celebration** – May 5. The band Sounds of Santana will be playing for your dancing pleasures. There will be specialty drinks and food for only \$45 per person.
- We are taking **Mother's Day Brunch** reservations now, so be sure to call the Villa today.
- **Rich Wolf's fundraiser** will be April 15th, so come eat and write off a donation before you mail your taxes. Only \$20 for all-you-can-eat spaghetti. We are looking for bakers so we can sell some baked goods and desserts. Please bring any donations to the Villa on Saturday (4/14) morning or Sunday (4/15) morning. This is for a brother who donated a lot of time to our club, so it is time to pay him back. The great news is Rich is home and doing so much better after being in hospitals and rehabilitation homes for over seven months.

Thanks to our staff who spent their Easter working at the Brunch.

It's the last month to pay dues, so come see Nick Lemon and pay your \$35. Please complete the renewal form at the end of the newsletter.

We have four qualified brothers running for two open House Committee spots and two candidates for Trustee so far. If anyone else is interested, please come to the April meeting to put your name on the ballot.

Our ham raffle drawing will be at this month's meeting.

We are still in need of sponsors and volunteers for the Italian fest. Contact the Villa or Jon Biancardi for more information, or come to our planning meetings— the next one is Wednesday, April 25th.

God Bless see you at the next meeting and event.

*Jim Malloy*

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Nick Lemon	Financial Secretary (Dues)	219-588-7767
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Edward Malloy	Sick Committee/Benefits	
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### MEETINGS AND FUTURE EVENT DATES:

<b>Wed., April 4</b>	<b>House Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Wed., April 11</b>	<b>Members' Meeting</b>
<b>Sun., April 15</b>	<b>Fundraiser for Rich Wolf</b>
<b>Sat., April 21</b>	<b>Bocce and Brews (4-10pm)</b>
<b>Wed., April 25</b>	<b>Festa Italiana planning meeting</b>
<b>Sat., May 5</b>	<b>Cinco de Mayo Party</b>
<b>Sun., May 13</b>	<b>Mother's Day Brunch</b>

## Upcoming Events

### **Sunday, April 15, 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. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact the Villa office. Also, contact the Villa for tickets.

### **Saturday, April 21, 2018. Bocce and Brews.**

4:00—10:00 p.m. Come join us for this double-elimination bocce tournament featuring local craft brewery Devil's Trumpet and live music by Frank Ruvoli & Brian Munde. \$160 per team (\$40 per person). Each Player receives two drink tickets for Devil's Trumpet on draft. [Click here](#) for team registration. [Click here](#) for Facebook event to share with friends and family.

### **Saturday, May 5, 2018. Cinco de Mayo Celebration.**

6:00—11:00 p.m. Live entertainment by Visions of Santana (Chicagoland's Premiere Carlos Santana Tribute Band), open bar and margarita station, Mexican buffet. Tickets are \$45.00 per person. Contact the Villa for tickets.

### **Sunday, May 13, 2018. Mother's Day Brunch.**

10:00am -2:00 pm (Reservations required)  
Includes coffee, orange juice and champagne. Adult beverages available from the bar. \$28 for Adults; \$14 Kids 6-11; kids under 5 free. Breakfast and Lunch, including a carving station, omelet station, and dessert table.

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## BRICK PAVER FLAGPOLE PROJECT

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.

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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.

### **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](mailto: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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May 5, 2018 • 6p - 11pm

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SALAD & BREAD  
CASH BAR AVAILABLE

### Fundraiser Benefitting Rich Wolf

Please help out with this worthwhile event. Rich Wolf was diagnosed with West Nile Virus. After being hospitalized and in rehab centers, he is finally home after seven months, but still is on his journey for a complete recovery. Please contact the Villa today to get your tickets. If you are able to volunteer, please contact the Villa or Dave Graziani. Donations (raffle items/baked goods) will be accepted in the mornings on Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15. Please contact the Villa first to make sure someone is available to receive your donations. We are looking for volunteers to help serve, sell raffles, clean up, etc. Please contact the Villa with your availability and your contact information or email Dave at [cdgrazi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cdgrazi@sbcglobal.net).



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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY** — Thanks to everyone for another successful St. Patrick's Day Party. Chairman Jody Biancardi did another stellar job of running this huge event. Peggy Lawrence and Patti Barth organized and ran the raffles like clockwork. They had a lot of assistance with selling from members and friends: Dave Michaels, Jessica & Samantha Pavlakis, Kevin & MarySue Cieslak (and family), Tom (Ponch) Malloy, Lisa Klappkowski, Dean & Brenda Fanno, Debbie Wargo, Frank Sparano, Fran Sparano, Bruce Fleming, Greg Sisco, and Debbie Biancardi. Thank you to Dave & Carol Graziani, Kevin Cieslak, and Brenda Fanno for their efforts with the 50/50 raffle.

Kaptur Events did an excellent job of feeding the crowd of 800 people who attended.

Thanks also to all those who came early on Saturday morning to decorate, set up, and handle the seating: Kevin & Mary Sue Cieslak, Paige Cieslak, Trevor Cieslak, Joe Tellez, Glenn Downs, Bruce Dust, Dave & Carol Graziani, Nick Lemon, Jim Biancardi, Dennis Fanno, AJ Flores, Dan Mansueto, Dennis Noworyta, Rich Borgetti, Bob Belzeski, Dean Fanno, Rich & JoEllen Fanno, Nick Restauri, Benny Puntillo, Ron DiMichele, Jon Biancardi, Jody & Debbie Biancardi.

Special thanks to Nick Restauri and Dave Graziani for setting up and arranging the tables for this massive event, to Benny Puntillo and Jon Biancardi for the extra work and running around, and to Dennis Fanno for his patience and assistance with the seating.



Front: Nick Restauri, Dean Fanno, Dave Graziani, Jody Biancardi, Kevin Cieslak  
Back: Brenda Fanno, Carol Graziani, Debbie Biancardi

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## DAILY RAFFLE

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To reserve a spot or for more information, contact:  
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## POTATO CROQUETTES

- 1 1/2 pounds potatoes, peeled
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese
- 1/2 cup finely chopped fresh parsley
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 eggs
- 1 mozzarella ball, cut into thin strips
- 1 cup dried bread crumbs
- Extra-virgin olive oil, for frying



Boil the potatoes until fork tender, and let cool for 20 minutes. In a large bowl, mash the potatoes. (For a creamier texture, use a potato ricer.) Add the Parmigiano cheese, chopped parsley, and season with salt and pepper. Add one egg and mix well, until all the ingredients are evenly distributed. Grab a handful of mashed potatoes and press into logs that are 1 1/2-inches thick by 3 inches long. With your finger, create an indentation in the middle of the log and add a slice of mozzarella. Close up the logs and make sure the mozzarella is fully covered. Reshape if necessary. For the batter, dip potato logs in a beaten egg and cover with breadcrumbs. Heat the extra-virgin olive oil in a large pot to 350 degrees F. Fry in the oil in batches until the potato croquettes are crispy and golden brown. Let drain on a paper towel lined plate, and serve warm.



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Do you have an idea for a **PARTY** or a **FUNDRAISER**?  
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Do you have  
...STORIES, RECIPES, ANNOUNCEMENTS or THOUGHTS to share?  
...PICTURES or a REPORT from a recent lodge function?  
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