

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,

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in your family. May you have a wonderful, loving day. The Villa can do all your cooking and take care of mom. Call for your reservations today.

I heard nothing but compliments for the Easter brunch so thank you to our staff and to Kaptur's staff, who all worked so hard to make it a successful brunch.

Another round of Bocce is completed and the winning team was the man that does it all, Jon Biancardi, and his teammates. Look for more Bocce leagues coming. Thanks to Jon and all who worked and participated to help create a lot of fun for everybody.

The next order of pavers will be going in soon and there is still plenty of room for more pavers. Contact Frank Basso for more information.

Congratulations to all the officers who are retaining their positions and thank you for staying aboard. We have one contested position and that is for flag bearer, so be sure to come and vote.

The Ham Raffle was held at the last meeting. Congratulations to all the winners (listed on page 9 in this newsletter). Thanks to Ed Malloy for taking care of this. Thanks to all who participated in order to keep funding our hospital stays and to help out with funeral expenses.

The Fest will be here before you know so make sure to come to the next fest meeting (date TBD) to sign up and help out. Contact Jon Biancardi with any questions. We are also looking for sponsors to help support the fest.



We are working on the 100th Anniversary party and things are coming together nicely. The cost will be \$60 for Guests and \$100 per couple (or \$50 per person) for lodge brothers. We are planning a first-class celebration.

The lodge sweatshirts came in and they look sharp. If you did not pick yours up, see Frank Sparano. You can still purchase one for \$40.

Thanks to all who pitch in every day to keep us going!

God Bless and see you at the next meeting.

Jim Malloy

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OFFICERS:

James Malloy	President	219-662-5883 katfishman46307@yahoo.com
David Graziani	Vice President	
Anthony Basso	Past President	
Ronald DiMichele	Recording Secretary	
Angelo Valle, Jr.	Treasurer (Benevolent Committee)	
Dean Fanno	Trustee	
Richard Borgetti	Trustee	
John Rizzardo	Trustee	
Dan Mansueto	Chaplain	
Frank Sparano	Sentry	
Nicholas Restauri	Flag Bearer	
Timothy Gardenhire	Flag Bearer	

Nicholas Lemon	Financial Secretary (Dues)	
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Edward Malloy Sick Committee/Benefits
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Munster, IN 46321 708-601-1191
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Richard Wolf	Benevolent Committee Chairman	219-256-4437
Richard Fanno	Benevolent Committee	219-616-6545
(Applications/Insurance)		

HOUSE COMMITTEE OFFICERS:

James Malloy
Anthony Basso
David Graziani
Jody Biancardi 219-771-1888
Dennis Noworyta
Frank Basso
Jonathan Biancardi 219-616-4842
Bob Belzeski
Frank Sparano

MEETINGS AND FUTURE EVENT DATES:

Wed., May 3	House Committee Meeting
Wed., May 10	Members' Meeting
Sun., May 12	Mother's Day Bruch
Aug. 16-18	Festa Italiana
Sat., Nov. 9	100th Anniversary Celebration

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Our House Committee Members have been busy. Here are some of the things they have been working on...



- New blinds throughout the Villa
- Woman's bathroom remodel
- New AC/Heating units for the two big rooms
- New rugs in foyer

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.



Scholarship Applications for the IANU Foundation are available now.



For applications, see Ron DiMichele at the May or June meetings or contact him at 219-322-5845 or rwdimichele@gmail.com.

Seniors in high school and college students are eligible. Parents and students must be members of our Lodge with a policy and in good standing for a minimum of two years.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 12, 2019.

Mother's Day Brunch.

\$30 Adults; \$15 Kids 6-11; kids under 5 free.
10am-2pm. Omelet station, carving station, traditional breakfast items, lunch items, salads, desserts. Coffee, orange juice, and champagne included. Call the Villa for reservations.

**Friday, August 16 through
Sunday, August 18, 2019.**

Festa Italiana

Mark your calendars! Cesare Battisti's 3rd annual Italian festival will take place on August 16-18 at the Villa with good food, good music, fun and games, and a beer garden. Hope to see you there! Also, if you are interested in volunteering, sponsoring, or assisting in any way with this event, please email villabocce@gmail.com. Feel free to join us at our next planning meeting on Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30pm. Please also share with friends on [Facebook](#).



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The Biancardi Family invites you to an **APPRECIATION PARTY**

to help celebrate Peggy (Biancardi) Lawrence's success and your generosity with her fight against MS. Please come join in the fun with Mr. Sam the DJ, food, and refreshments on **Sunday, May 19th from 1-4** (with remarks at 2pm) at the **Wicker Park Outdoor Pavilion**.



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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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March Meeting 100th Anniversary Acknowledgment



House Committee and Officers



Three generations celebrate
CB's 100th Anniversary.
Jim Biancardi, Jon Biancardi,
Phil Biancardi, Jody Biancardi



New member, Frank Sparano (son of
Dominic and Fran Sparano) gets sworn in



Financial Secretary,
Nick Lemon



Officers/House Committee Members:
Tony Basso (Past President), Jim Malloy
(President), Dave Graziani (Vice-President)



Sick Committee
Chairman Ed Malloy,
Recording Secretary
Ron DiMichele



Trustees: Dean Fanno, Rich Borgetti,
Phil Biancardi (Honorary), John Rizzardo

Cesare Battisti Lodge
Presents Festa Italiana

\$15,000 RAFFLE



DRAWING INFO:

Sunday Aug. 18th
6:30pm

*ONLY 300 TICKETS SOLD

FESTA ITALIANA
Aug. 16-18 2019

1st Prize: **\$5,000**

2nd Prize: **\$3,500**

3rd Prize: **\$2,000**

4th - 10th: **\$500**

11th - 20th: **\$100**

*Winner Need Not to be Present

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*winners are subject to Indiana Gaming Commission regulations

Festival Raffle

Tickets are now
available at the Villa
office or
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logo. 20
chances
to win
prizes!



If you are interested in
being a festival
volunteer or vendor, or
for information on
sponsorship
opportunities, please
contact Jon Biancardi
219-616-4842 or
villabocce@gmail.com

Tickets available at the Villa or online at


<https://www.villacesare.com/events-1/festa-italiana-15k-raffle>

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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.

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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

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Villa
CESARE
SCHERERVILLE, IN

10AM - 2PM

Mother's
DAY
BRUNCH

\$30 ADULTS
\$15 AGES 6 - 11
FREE KIDS 5 & UNDER

Nov. 9, 2019



Villa
CESARE
SCHERERVILLE, IN

Antipasti Table • Traditional Italian Dinner • Open Bar • Live Entertainment

Celebrating 100 Years



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
- ❧ Traditional Italian Dinner
- ❧ Open Bar
- ❧ Live Entertainment featuring The Sounds of Jersey Boys, Rat Pack & Motown

\$60 per person (lodge members \$50 or \$100/couple)
Nov 09, 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM

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BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT

The final games for the season were played on March 28th. Great job by all the teams. Thanks to everyone who made this season so much fun and a great success, especially all those who helped with set up and break down every week.

By the way, we will have bocce ball at [Festa Italiana](#). Please visit and share the event on our [website](#) and [Facebook](#)!



1st place team: FUGAZI'S



2nd place team: BOCCE BALLBOA



30TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Thanks to everyone for another successful St. Patrick's Day Party, especially the committee: Dave & Carol Graziani, Jody & Debbie Biancardi, Dennis Fanno, and Kevin Cieslak, as well as the top ticket seller, Benny Puntillo. Chairman Jody Biancardi was extremely pleased with how smoothly everything went for this always popular, large event.

Peggy Lawrence and Patti Barth once again organized and ran the raffles like clockwork. This could not have been done without the assistance of members and their families/friends: Dave Michaels, Debbie Wargo, Tony DiCostanzo, Frank Sparano, Fran Sparano, Frank & Debbie Basso, Jessica Pavlakis, Kathy Belzeski, Debbie Biancardi, Lindsay Spyrka, Bruce Fleming, and Dean & Brenda Fanno. Thank you to Dave Graziani and Kevin Cieslak, for their efforts with the 50/50 raffle.

Kaptur Events did an excellent job of feeding the crowd of over 700 people who attended.

And thanks also to all those who gave up their time early Saturday morning to help decorate, set up, and handle the seating: Benny Puntillo, Bruce Dust, Nick Lemon, Mary Sue Cieslak, Paige Cieslak, Joe Tellez, Dave & Carol Graziani, Jim Biancardi, Dennis Fanno, Dan Mansueto, Dean Fanno, Dennis Noworyta, Nick Pavlakis, Nick Restauri, Frank Basso, John Rizzardo, Rich Borgetti, Bob Belzeski, Jody & Debbie Biancardi.

And last but not least, a special thanks to Nick Restauri and Dave Graziani for setting up and arranging the tables for this massive event and to Dennis Fanno for his much-needed assistance (and patience) with the seating.



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**FRIDAY • SATURDAY • SUNDAY
AUGUST 16TH - 18TH
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AUG 16
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AUG 18
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Tim Gardenhire
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Billy Baldin
Dave Calerie
Jon Biancardi
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Dominic DiMichele



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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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ATTN: Financial Secretary

If you have any questions contact Financial Secretary Nick Lemon at 219-588-7767. **Please leave a message.**