

The Villa News

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

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AUGUST 2019

From the President's Desk



Dear Lodge Brothers,



Once again, it is F**EST** time and we are looking for your help. We have jobs for all ages, some of which can be done while sitting. With more people helping out, the other lodge brothers and volunteers have more of a chance for a break and a chance to enjoy the festivities as well. We have some great entertainment planned along with a lot of other fun stuff, including grape stomping and spaghetti eating contests, a bocce ball tournament, and much more. Make sure you spread the word and share it on Facebook. If you are willing to work, please contact the chairpersons listed on page 3. Once again, this is a three-day festival, so everyone's help would be appreciated.

We are also looking for volunteers to help set up on Monday and Tuesday before the fest, starting from around 9:00 am. And we will be finalizing any additional set up and loose ends prior to the regular meeting between 5:30 and 6:00 on Wednesday. Any assistance at all would be appreciated during these three days.

A big thanks to Jon Biancardi who organizes this event. Jon also applied for and received a grant from the State this year that will help defray some of the costs for the festival.

We still have some \$100 tickets available for the festival raffle. You have a great chance of winning since only 300 tickets will be sold. Stop by the Villa or contact Jody Biancardi.

Our maintenance crew has been working extra hard on getting everything looking good for the fest. Thanks to all.

The 100th anniversary tickets are on sale now for the November 9th celebration, so start getting your groups together. Don't miss this historic event. It is only \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members.

Our Memorial Mass is planned for noon on December 8th. Please RSVP by calling the Villa or at cblodge27.org/events.

The Bears tailgate game is set for Sunday, October 20th. This is a members-only (and spouse or girlfriend) event. The cost is only \$5 per person and must be paid in advance. RSVP to Kevin Cieslak or Ed Malloy or at cblodge27.org/events.

Our new heating and air-conditioners are installed. A big thank you to Dave Graziani for supervising and handling this project. This was a major expense, but it had to get done. Unfortunately, we will be paying on this loan for a while.

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OFFICERS:

James Malloy	President	219-662-5883
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Richard Fanno	Benevolent Committee	
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(Applications/Insurance)

HOUSE COMMITTEE OFFICERS:

James Malloy	219-662-5883
Anthony Basso	219-742-2812
David Graziani	219-614-6567
Jody Biancardi	219-771-1888
Dennis Noworyta	708-421-1574
Frank Basso	219-934-0868
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MEETINGS AND FUTURE EVENT DATES:

Wed., Aug. 7	House Committee Meeting
Mon., Tues, Aug 12 & 13	FEST SET UP
Wed., Aug 14	Members' Meeting (5:30- Set Up for Fest)
Aug. 16-18	Festa Italiana
Sun., Oct. 6	Pasta Party
Sun., Oct. 20	Tailgate Party
Sat., Nov. 9	100th Anniversary Celebration
Sun., Dec. 8	Memorial Mass for Deceased

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Our lodge brothers would like to express condolences to the family of Frank Bernacke for their loss of Frank. Our condolences also go out to Tom and Tim Sisco and family for the loss of their mother Patsy Sisco. We also extend our sympathies to Dave and Patti (Biancardi) Barth and their son, Jack, on the loss of Dave's father, John Barth.

God Bless and hope to see you early at the next meeting. Say a prayer for good weather for our Fest!

Jim Malloy



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.

Upcoming Events

NEW: You can now view upcoming events on the CB Lodge #27 official website at cbldodge27.org

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! Please also share with friends on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).



Sunday, October 6, 2019. Pasta Party

A Sunday family-friendly get together! Details to follow.

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 cbldodge27.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. Details to follow.

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FESTA ITALIANA INFORMATION

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the sub-committee chairperson below for the specified area of interest to coordinate a time. You **MUST** volunteer for at least 2 hours to receive a t-shirt. There will be a sign-in sheet at the Info Booth.

- **Pop/H20:** Bruce Dust • 219-730-7789
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- **Spaghetti Eating Contest** (Sat. & Sun. 1pm-2pm):
Kevin Cieslak • 219-680-6644 • KevinCieslak@comcast.net
- **Grape Stomping Contest** (Sat. & Sun. 2pm-3pm): Dave
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Tellez • 219-718-8069 • jnjtellez@sbcglobal.net
- **Bocce Tournament** (Sat. 1pm-5pm): Jody Biancardi
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- **Pasta 101: Class & Dinner** (Fri. 6pm; Sun. 1pm &
4pm): Nick Restauri • 219-689-4272
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- **Beer Garden & Beer Tickets:** Debbie Biancardi • 219-
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Also, encourage your friends and family to register for events on our [WEBSITE](http://villacesare.com/festaitaliana) (villacesare.com/festaitaliana).

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.



Make 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.



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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) lpopl@gmail.com or Gina Geiss (Vice President) ginageiss@yahoo.com





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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: We are asking all available, able-bodied members to please come help with pre-festival set up on Monday and Tuesday, August 12 and 13. We will begin around 9:00 am, but any help during the day would be appreciated. Even if you are not physically able, there may still be tasks available. We also will be doing any final set up on Wednesday, August 14 at 5:30, prior to the membership meeting. Additionally, please be sure to volunteer on one of our many committees. We have positions available for before, during, and after the festival. **THANK YOU!**



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR 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:

- For recognition
- 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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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 per person

Nov 09, 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Nov. 9, 2019



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- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 1 1/2 pounds)
- 1 zucchini, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced into half-moons
- 3 medium tomatoes, halved and thinly sliced into half-moons
- 2 yellow bell peppers, thinly sliced
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 c. shredded mozzarella
- Freshly chopped parsley, for garnish



Preheat oven to 400°. Make slits in each chicken breast, being careful not to cut through completely, and stuff with zucchini, tomatoes, bell peppers, and red onion.

Drizzle with oil and season with Italian seasoning, salt, and pepper. Sprinkle with mozzarella.

Bake until chicken is cooked through and no longer pink inside, 25 minutes.

Garnish with parsley before serving.

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...to the Bernacke Family on the loss of Frank Bernacke.
Condolences ...to the Barth Family on the loss of Dave's father, John (Jack) Barth.

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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PASTA DINNER OCTOBER 6TH

CB Lodge, in conjunction with the Italian American Women's Club, will host a Pasta Party on Sunday, October 6th. This will be open to members and their guests. Join us for this family friendly get-together with family and friends, and perhaps you will make some new friends. Details to follow regarding time/pricing.



Anyone interested in helping with cooking and other preparations, please email villabocce@gmail.com.

GRANT RECEIVED FOR FESTA ITALIANA



Cesare Battisti Lodge received a grant from the State of Indiana and the Indiana Arts Commission for Festa Italiana 2019. This \$4,072 grant was made possible by appropriated funds from the Indiana State Legislature and the National Endowment of Arts. Thank you to Jon Biancardi for his efforts and diligence in securing these funds. This grant allows us to continue our efforts in promoting Italian heritage and Italian customs by helping to defray overhead and costs associated with the festival. Great job, Jon!



John Juranovich
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FESTA ITALIANA

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- [volunteer form](#)
- [\\$15K Raffle Tickets](#)

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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



Any questions about Festa Italiana, please contact
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or [click here for more details on our website.](#)



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS!

EVENT SCHEDULE



FRI 8/16/19 5P-11P	SAT 8/17/19 12P-11P	SUN 8/18/19 12P-8P
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FREE ADMISSION

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FRIDAY AUGUST 16TH

VINCE AMORE
5PM - 7:30PM / MAIN STAGE

PASTA 101: HANDS-ON CLASS & DINNER
6PM / INDOORS / \$35 PER PERSON

LUBIDO FUNK CIRCUS
8PM - 11PM / MAIN STAGE

SATURDAY AUGUST 17TH

CARMELO ZACCONE
12PM - 1PM / MAIN STAGE

BOCCE TOURNAMENT
1PM / OUTDOOR BOCCE COURTS

SPAGHETTI EATING CONTEST
PRESENTED BY THE TOWN PLANNER
1PM-2PM / MAIN STAGE

GRAPE STOMPING CONTEST
2PM - 3PM / MAIN STAGE

JIM BULANDA
3PM - 5PM / MAIN STAGE

TRADIZIONE VIVENTE
ITALIAN DANCE GROUP OF MILWAUKEE
4PM - 4:20PM • 5PM - 5:20PM
6:30PM - 6:50PM / MAIN STAGE

LATOSCA
5:30PM - 7:30PM / MAIN STAGE

DICK DIAMOND & THE DUSTERS
8PM - 11PM / MAIN STAGE

SUNDAY AUGUST 18TH

CARMELO ZACCONE
12PM - 1PM / MAIN STAGE

SPAGHETTI EATING CONTEST
PRESENTED BY THE TOWN PLANNER
1PM-2PM / MAIN STAGE

GRAPE STOMPING CONTEST
2PM - 3PM / MAIN STAGE

PASTA 101: HANDS-ON CLASS & DINNER
1PM • 4PM / INDOORS / \$35 PER PERSON

FRANK ROSSI TRIO
3PM - 5PM / MAIN STAGE

SHOUT OUT
5:30PM - 8PM / MAIN STAGE

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