

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



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HOUSE COMMITTEE OFFICERS:

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| James Malloy | |
| Anthony Basso | |
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| Jody Biancardi | 219-771-1888 |
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Dear Lodge Brothers,

Happy Valentine's Day to all!! I hope you take care of your love. How about some chocolate, flowers, diamonds or you can profess your love forever on a lodge brick that will be in the front of the building for years. The price is only \$50. We will be putting in our second order of bricks as soon as it warms up.

The annual dues are due. See Nick Lemon or send your money to the Villa. It is still only \$35 for the year.

We are putting the final details together for the 100th anniversary shirts. The price is expected to be around \$40.

St Patrick's tickets are almost gone for the March 16th party. You need to let Jody know. Tickets are \$45 per person.

The annual Ham Raffle tickets will be sent out soon, so look for an envelope from the lodge. It is six tickets for \$25 or \$5 per ticket. These are the tickets you must sell or purchase in order to be in good standings for benefits. The drawing will be at the April meeting. Remember this helps pay for our hospital stays, funeral donations and widows benefits. Thank you in advance.

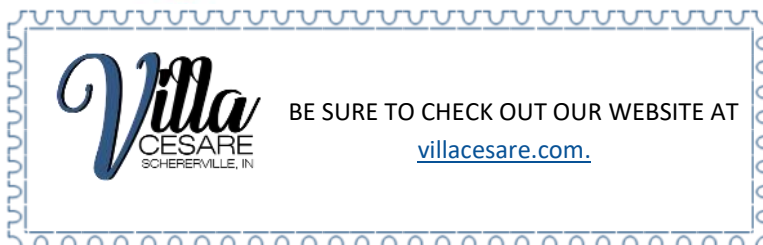
Bocce will be starting this Thursday, February 7th. Come cheer on your favorite team and have some drinks. Any questions contact Jon Biancardi.

Our by-law committee is working very hard to make some updates and needed changes. We should be seeing them really soon.

Stay warm!

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

Jim Malloy



MEETINGS AND FUTURE EVENT DATES:

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| Wed., Feb. 6 | House Committee Meeting |
| Wed., Feb. 13 | Members' Meeting |
| Sat., Mar 16 | St. Patrick/St. Joseph's Party |
| Sat., Nov. 9 | 100th Anniversary Celebration |
| Thursdays, Feb. 7–Mar 28 | Bocce League |

Upcoming Events

Thursdays, Feb. 7 - March 29, 2019 Bocce Tournament.

Come on down and check out the competition and have some fun cheering for your favorite team.



Saturday, March 16, 2019. St. Patrick's Day Party.



Our annual St. Patrick's Day Party will be held Saturday, March 16th. This popular party sells out quickly, so make sure to contact Jody Biancardi for tickets as soon as possible. Tickets are \$45.00 per person (includes food, open bar, DJ).

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.

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Bocce Tournament is beginning!!! Thursday nights through March 28th (no games 2/14). Come on down to watch the teams compete.



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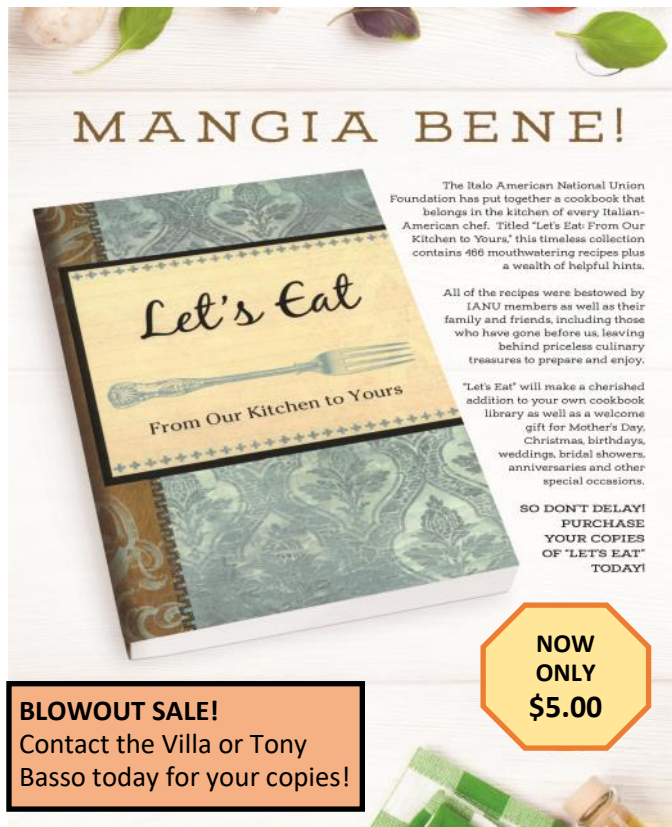
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BRICK PAVER FLAGPOLE PROJECT SECOND PHASE BEGINNING SOON!

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

Consider ordering a brick:

For recognition

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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.

Frank Basso: (219) 934-0868 | cbass@att.net

Rustic Italian Tortellini Soup

- 3/4 pound Italian turkey sausage links, casings removed
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1-3/4 cups water
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 package (9 ounces) refrigerated cheese tortellini
- 1 package (6 ounces) fresh baby spinach, coarsely chopped
- 2-1/4 teaspoons minced fresh basil or 3/4 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Dash crushed red pepper flakes
- Shredded Parmesan cheese, optional

Crumble sausage into a Dutch oven; add onion. Cook and stir over medium heat until meat is no longer pink. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Stir in the broth, water and tomatoes. Bring to a boil.

Add tortellini; return to a boil. Cook for 5-8 minutes or until almost tender, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat; add the spinach, basil, pepper and pepper flakes. Cook 2-3 minutes longer or until spinach is wilted and tortellini are tender. Serve with cheese if desired.



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Our condolences to the Graziani Family
on the loss of David's brother Ron.



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

This form must be filled out by ALL members and returned to Nick Lemon. Thank you.

CESARE BATTISTI 2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM
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If you have any questions contact Financial Secretary Nick Lemon at 219-588-7767. **Please leave a message.**