

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,

We are only a few days away from the **party of the Century!** Our centennial party will be held on Saturday, November 9th. We would like to make our deadline on selling tickets November 2nd in order to give time to our caterers and to do our seating charts. If you have not sent in who want to sit with, please do. We have 300 guest coming already so get your tickets. It's going to be a special night.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all. Enjoy your meal and time together with your family and friends. Take the time to give thanks to the ones you love.

On November 11th, don't forget to thank and pray for our current and past Veterans. Please fly your flags and thank a Veteran for serving and keeping our country safe.

We had another fun Tailgate party. The food was outstanding, but unfortunately our Bears were not. I want to thank Kevin Cieslak, Ed Malloy and Frank Sparano for organizing and cooking. There was a lot of other helpers that are listed elsewhere in this Newsletter. Thanks to all that helped and attended.

The Children's Halloween party was a blast. If you are ever down and out, just surround yourself with children. What happiness they bring to us. They had such a good time playing games, decorating, Trick or Treating and getting a ton of candy. There were some great costumes and some even won gift cards. Jody (Harpo Marx) and wife Debbie (witch) Biancardi and family and friends put on a great party. Thanks to all that helped and came out for such a fun time.

Try to come down on a Thursday night (except Halloween night) to watch some bocce and cheer on the teams. The championship games will be played on November 21st.

Our Memorial Mass is on December 8th at noon. I am expecting a good crowd to honor all our past members. Please RSVP to the office. Entire families are welcome. We are still looking for someone to lead us in song.

We are looking for sponsors for our Newsletter. It is only \$24 for the year to place an ad in The Villa News. See Tony Basso for information.

Please check out the brick Paver Project at the front of the building. We just added our 100th Anniversary logo in the middle. Thanks to Frank Basso for taking care of this project. What a great gift to honor someone on our 100th Anniversary.

We are pleased to welcome our newest member Pasquale (Pat) Giovanni.

Please keep Gino Baldin and all other Lodge Brothers in your prayers.



God Bless and hope to see at the next meeting and the Anniversary Party.

Jim Malloy

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MEETINGS AND FUTURE EVENT DATES:

Wed., Nov. 6 *House Committee Meeting*

Wed., Nov. 13 *Members' Meeting*

Thursdays Oct. 3 - Nov. 21 *Bocce Tournament*

Sat., Nov. 9 *100th Anniversary Celebration*

Sun., Dec. 8 *Memorial Mass for Deceased*

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OUR HOUSE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN BUSY...

- Working on remodeling second Woman's bathroom
- Clean up and Winter maintenance.

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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Upcoming Events

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Thursdays, Oct. 3 — Nov. 21, 2019 Bocce Tournament

The teams will be playing every Thursday night (except Halloween) through November 21st. Come on down and cheer them on!

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. Breakfast will follow the mass.

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

Nov. 9, 2019



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

Celebrating 100 Years



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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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Indoor Bocce Ball League



The Bocce Fall League is beginning on **Thursday Nights** beginning *October 3 through November 21st* (no games on Halloween, October 31). Come cheer on your favorite team, watch some football, or just join us for the fun of it!

Welcome

to our new member, Pasquale (Pat) Giovanni.



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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.

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BEARS TAILGATE PARTY.



This year our tailgate party was our largest to date. We had a good group of people attend to watch the Bears get beat by the Saints. I would like to thank all of the people who helped setup, make food, deserts, bartend and sell raffles. Thank you also to Jody Biancardi for donating the give-aways. Maybe next year the Bears can have a better game plan.

Kevin Cieslak

Thanks to:

Kevin and Mary Sue
Jon Juranovich
Dominik DiMichele
Ron and Lucy DiMichele

Frank and Nancy Sparano
Dave and Carol Graziani
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Pumpkin Alfredo

- 1 pound fettuccine cooked to al dente, reserve 1 cup of pasta water
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1 cup pumpkin puree not pie filling
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg (or a little more to taste)
- 2/3 cup half & half
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese off the block
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley
- Black or white pepper to taste



Bring a stockpot of water to a boil over high heat. Add a teaspoon of salt to the boiling water, then add fettuccine. Cook until al dente. Reserve about 1 cup of the pasta water.

Meanwhile, melt butter over medium-low heat. Stir in garlic and cook for about a minute, careful not to burn. Stir in half & half, Parmesan, pumpkin and nutmeg. Stir until sauce is heated through and cheese is melted. Stir in pasta water, about 1/4 cup at a time, until sauce is desired consistency (I used about 1/2 a cup, and it was thick and creamy. For a thinner sauce, use more pasta water—may also use milk in place of pasta water).

Add pasta and cook over medium-high heat until sauce is smooth and pasta is well coated; about 1-2 minutes.

Garnish with fresh chopped parsley and fresh grated Parmesan, if desired.



Be sure to check out the NEW official website for **CB Lodge #27**, featuring our history, upcoming events, membership information, and more at cblodge27.org.



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Children's Halloween Party.

The children's Halloween party was held on October 27th. We hope everyone had a great time. The kids played several games, decorated bags and pumpkins, and trick or treated. There was a costume contest by age group, and the judges had a very difficult time deciding. There were so many cute and creative costumes! Bonkers the Clown made balloon shapes and animals for the kids in between the festivities. The pictures say more than words could ever...

Committee Chairpersons, Jody and Debbie Biancardi, thank their committee for all their help. Special thanks to Chef Frank Sparano and assistant Joe Tellez for making the kid-friendly meal and to Tony Vicari for stepping in to tend the "bar".



Committee: Dave Graziani, Joe Tellez, Frank Sparano, Debbie Biancardi, Jody Biancardi, Carol Graziani, Nancy Sparano, Josh Biancardi, Lindsay Spyrka (not pictured Jon Biancardi and Micki Biancardi)



Costume Winners: Lego Batman - Elliott Malloy; Sushi - Olivia Mansueto; Lion- Gideon Fanno; Cruella - Nikolina Djorovic.
Guessing Game Winners (in back): Victoria Wilber, Dennis Malloy

