

# 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,

**Merry Christmas TO ALL AND A**

**Happy New Year!**

Do you believe it will be 2020!?! Take these last couple of weeks and enjoy your Holiday with family and friends. Be sure to keep your Lodge brothers in your prayers.

The 100th anniversary was a huge success. It was great to see everybody there. We had so many families celebrating our anniversary by enjoying what our past members have done for us. I want to thank everyone as a group. This was a huge event to plan, and there were so many people that helped out. I cannot even begin to express the gratitude for all of you. All of our house committee officers did so much to make sure everything came together for our special evening.

We are looking for more advertising sponsors for our Newsletter. It is a bargain for only \$24 per year. Contact Tony Basso or email to [thevillanews@gmail.com](mailto:thevillanews@gmail.com).

The Fall bocce tournament has ended. Tony DiConstanzo's team (Smiles by Dr. D) came in first place. Congratulations! The next tournament will begin in February. Further information will be forthcoming or watch for updates at [villacesare.com/events-1/indoor-bocce-league-winter](http://villacesare.com/events-1/indoor-bocce-league-winter).

The time is coming to pay your annual dues, which are still only \$35 for the year. Nick Lemon will be collecting or you may mail them to the Villa with the membership form (back page) in care of Nick Lemon.

The band "Together" has rented the Villa for a New Years party. It is \$85 per person. Contact the office for more information.

The Children's Christmas party invitations have been sent out to the children with ISDA polices. I'm sure all the kids are anxiously waiting to see Santa!



At this time I would like to thank our entire staff and all the officers, members and wives that have worked so hard to make another great year for our organization. Let's make 2020 even better.

Once again Happy, Healthy Holidays. God Bless and see you at the next meeting.

*Jim Malloy*

## Cesare Battisti Lodge No. 27

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### MEETINGS AND FUTURE EVENT DATES:

|                       |                                     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Wed., Dec. 4</b>   | <b>House Committee Meeting</b>      |
| <b>Wed., Dec. 11</b>  | <b>Members' Meeting</b>             |
| <b>Sun., Dec. 8</b>   | <b>Memorial Mass for Deceased</b>   |
| <b>Tues., Dec. 31</b> | <b>New Year's Eve with Together</b> |
| <b>Sat., Mar 14</b>   | <b>St. Patrick' Day Party</b>       |

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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

You can also view upcoming events on the CB Lodge #27 official website at [cblodge27.org](http://cblodge27.org)

### Sunday, December 8, 2019 Deceased Members Memorial Mass

Mass begins Noon. Breakfast will follow the mass.



### Sunday, December 15, 2019 Children's Christmas Party

Invitations have been sent to eligible children. Make sure to RSVP once you receive your invitation.

### Tuesday, December 31, 2019 New Year's Eve Party Featuring Together

\$85.00 per person  
Dinner, open bar, band, and DJ. Contact the Villa for information

### Saturday, March 14, 2020. St. Patrick's Day Party

Our annual St. Patrick's Day Party will be held Saturday, March 14th. 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).



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## FALL BOCCE TOURNAMENT



Congrats to the champs, **Smiles by Dr. D** (back row), who faced the Bunco Bitches (front row) in the finals! The next tournament will be in February. Watch for more information to come ([villacesare.com/events-1/indoor-bocce-league-winter](http://villacesare.com/events-1/indoor-bocce-league-winter) )

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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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*Congratulations to John Storino, who was officially sworn in (in the kitchen no less!) before the 100th Anniversary Party.*

## 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](mailto:lpoplon@gmail.com) or Gina Geiss (Vice President) [ginageiss@yahoo.com](mailto:ginageiss@yahoo.com)



## Cherry Pistachio Snowball Cookies

- 2 cups flour
- 3/4 cup chopped pistachios
- 1/2 cup chopped maraschino cherries
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup butter softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar



Heat oven to 325 degrees. Combine all ingredients except for powdered sugar in a bowl. Beat ingredients on a slow speed, scraping the bowl as needed. Beat just until well mixed.

Shape dough into 1 inch balls. Place cookies on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 18-20 minutes or until slightly golden. Remove; cool cookies for 5 minutes before rolling in powdered sugar.

- Make sure your butter isn't too soft, or your cookies will flatten.

- Refrigerate the cookies on the baking sheets for 15 minutes before baking to ensure that they retain their shape.

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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  
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