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The John Pirelli Italian American Heritage Center



A great deal of love and sweat equity (over 1000 volunteer hours) went into the renovation of the little house. Thank you to all who spearheaded & helped. Work included demo, new windows, roof, flooring, insulation, front porch, bathroom—new everything! Rentals will begin soon!



Letter from our President

Ciao Brothers and Sisters!

Congratulations on a record-setting Festa. Our strength in numbers never cease to amaze me.

Over the past several months our dues structure has not been in line with our State obligation. With the help of Council, I've developed a plan to that I'd like to present to you through information sessions at the lodge, emails and membership meeting.

The beauty of the plan is all of our members would share in a little so all of us can continue to enjoy the wonderful benefits of our membership. The plan will also allow us to continue into the future with a sound financial health, the very same principal I committed to you as your president.

Brothers and Sisters, please pay special notice to announcements that will share this plan with you.

To the greatest lodge in the nation, be well John Pirelli! Jack

Upcoming Social & Heritage Events - Mark your calendars...

1st Tuesday 3rd Tuesday November 7th November 21st Membership Meeting 7:00 pm Council Meeting 6:30 pm Membership meeting 7 pm Council Meeting 6:30 pm

If you would like to receive emails regarding upcoming social events at Bella Villa, please request to be on the distribution list by sending an email to: bellavillasocialevents@gmail.com or mailto:mailto:bellavillasocialevents@gmail.com or <a href="mailto:m

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If you know a Lodge member who has been hospitalized or in need of a get well card, please contact Rita Chislaghi at 937-426-4494.

If one of our Lodge members has passed away, please contact our Anne Beecroft (937-829-7716) or Maria Rzecnick (927–287-5242).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7 Membership Meeting/ New Member Initia- tion 7pm	8	9	10	II Veteran's Day
I2 Bunco I:30pm- 4pm	13	14 New Member Orientation	15	I 6 Social Commit- tee Meeting 6:30pm	17	18
19	20	21 Council Meet- ing 6:30pm	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving!	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00pm

WELCOME! (State and National Officials in attendance) Tony Lacon, Jim Balsamo, Gloria Marano and Fred

Ferrara

GUESTS? FIRST TIMERS: Yes: Emma Doci is a first timer. She spoke briefly and introduced herself. She is from Italy and is a sophomore at WSU. She is pursuing a double major in nursing and international business- Welcome! Guest: Bill Daniels is present. He has an application to become a member. STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER - Gloria

OPENING PRAYER - Maria Diaspro

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All Members

HONOR ITALIAN FLAG - All Members

ROLL CALL - Niki: All council members present.

PAST MEETING MINUTES - (revisions or changes? Accept into record.) None noted. Accepted into record.

COMMUNICATIONS - Niki: None

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT – Frank (new applicants). Frank shared the following new applicants: 1) Dave Snell-lodge sponsor shared about his lineage etc., 2) Bill Daniels- Tony Gallagher sponsor- shared about him and Bill was present tonight to share about himself. 3) Teresa Gliatti- previous member, 4) Anthony Dalsasso- Eldora sponsored (not here to share), 5) Ashley Calcutta Hastings- Rita Pinti shared that Ashley signed up at the heritage booth during festa. Ashley is from Italy- interested in getting involved with our community. 6) Damiano Battaglia- no sponsor but he's ok. 7 & 8) Robert Vena Roberts and Sheila Ann Roberts. Both are sponsored by Rosie. 9) Lisa Antolini Miller 10) Jonathan David Kinnard. Jack clarified who was here today. Drew Titone escorted Bill Daniels out during the discussion. Jack asked members if we can vote all together? Yes. All voted in by members. The total number of active members is 517. Frank has all booth chair numbers – please stop by and get the information. Drew Titone escorted Bill Daniels back in.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Charlie reported expenditures/balances of all accounts. This is an odd month with all of the money in/ out from Festa. Motion to accept by Gloria Marano -Seconded by Fred Ferrara Discussion? No - Voted: YES

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Dan and Judy shared New Member Initiation will take place at the November Membership meeting, as well as honoring Veterans. November 14th there will be a New Member Orientation at the lodge.

STATE UPDATE – Gloria reports- Quarterly state mtg was held here the weekend after Festa. Disappointing attendance. There were a few Grand Lodge members and a few members of our lodge. No other representatives from any other lodge in Ohio participated. GLO president tasked us with going to other lodge meetings and activities. Discussed how to reduce costs with all lodges. Discussed fundraising for the 3 charities that the GLO sponsors to include the Doug Flute Foundation, Cooley's Anemia and Alzheimer's Association. There will be a live zoom meeting on Wed Oct 25 at 6:15pm with author Adrianna Triagiani for a nominal fee. Let Gloria if you are interested. If there is enough interest, we may be able to do it at the lodge. Pete Petrini shared that GLO website is NOT working right now. Gloria confirmed, adding that folks don't know the password—but they are working on it. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

*Social – Belinda- Feed the Creek is the charity for tonight's 50/50. They help children who don't have food, particularly on the weekends. Located in Green Co. Halloween Bingo is October 28th at 6pm. There is still time to sign up and pay \$5. Bunco is November12th 1:30-4 and cost of \$5 per person goes to prize money. Please also bring a snack & BYOB. White Elephant is Sunday Dec 3rd @ 5pm. This Event is open to members & friends. Please bring a snack/ BYOB and a White Elephant gift. Clifton Mill event. Free night for members only to come see the lights. Clifton Mill will send a Bus with 28 Seats, to our lodge for pick up and transport. If you can't make the bus, you can meet us there. This will be on Dec 7th. Be here at 5pm. You will be back at the lodge by 8:30pm. Adult Christmas Open House Dec 9th from 6:30pm -8:30pm. Members only event. \$5 donation from each person to help cover cost. Children's Christmas party will be December 16th 11am-1pm. Santa will be here around noon. This is open to members' kids and grandkids. No charge but please sign up so we can plan accordingly.

*Sunshine – Rita shared that a sympathy card was sent to the Holbrook family, and a get-well Card was mailed to Tim Hogan.

*Heritage report. Eldora was not present, but Gloria shared that Andrea Bocelli will be in Cincinnati at Heritage Bank Center on Sat April 7th. Gloria has a Pre-sale flyer. Regular tickets go on sale next week. Prices unknown.

* Bocce League Captains: Women's: Bocce Babes came in number 1! Congrats! The women's banquet was held last month. All lost and found items were brought out and nearly all items belonged to one person!

Men's Bocce: Jim Balsamo shared that the Greenhouse Garden Center won by 1 point. There was a three-way tie for 3rd place! The men's Bocce banquet will be on October 14th at 6pm. Jim added that the Men's fall bocce league started up and they play until Thanksgiving.

*Cooking Demo's - Elizabeth Battista shared the next demo will be October 23rd and they are still taking reservations. All demos will now start at 6pm. Some folks are paying for part of the food and NOT asking

for reimbursement. Thank you for your donation/ support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Forming of a new foundation – Jack updated that this discussion has resumed and will continue. Jack will update membership on any news/ progress. Membership was happy to hear this news.

NEW BUSINESS – State discussion about "Social Members" and dues structure was reviewed. Jack explained about "social members". Costs are concerning across the state. 2 lodges have closed-leaving 19. Another 2 are on the verge of closing. A strategy to prevent this would be to open up to "social members" as an option. This type of membership would have 3 stipulations: 1- they cannot hold Vice Presidency, Presidency, and they cannot be a state delegate. They would have all other rights. Jack opened up for questions/ discussions. Reach out to Jack separately at this time. Jack will report back to the GLO president that this was brought up to membership.

World A' Fair – Update & new JP representative – Jack shared that we have no money from this event yet. Will wait until this occurs before moving forward with the liaison.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER – Open to the floor- Dan Bruno reminded that October is Italian Heritage Month! Kevin Sorice reminded that this Thursday is the viewing of La Mia Strada at Sinclair in Building 7- Tartan Marketplace is location @ 3pm. All invited! This will help us build a relationship with Sinclair also. Mark Warner gave more details on the content of La Mia Strada and is encouraging attendance. Linda Gray shared "It Ain't Over" The Story of Yogi Berra. She gave a copy of the documentary to the social committee for a possible viewing here in the future. Jim and Gina Papa celebrated their 50th Anniversary~ Congratulations!

• ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING 7:42

The winner of the October 50/50 (Feed the Creek) was Marisa Varney. Novembers charity will be the Unforgettables

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AGENDA - SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - October 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:42

MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING - changes or revisions? None noted. Accept into record.

COMMUNICATIONS - Niki: None

TREASURER'S REPORT - Charlie updated on all accounts and reiterated that all balances are not exactly true right now due to all of the money being moved around from Festa. Elizabeth Battista suggested putting an ATM close to the building for Festa. There was some financial loss as people would not walk back to the beer booth to use those machines or were elderly and could not walk the distance. Please consider adding ATMs closer to the building. Motion to accept treasurers report by Fred Ferrara Seconded by Elizabeth Battista: Discussion: No Voted: YES

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Buildings and Grounds: Scottie- On vacation.

Lodge Rentals: Vincenzo shared there are 2 more rentals this year. One is on Thanksgiving Day. Vincenzo is ending this role in January. We need someone to step into to take this over. Please let us know if you are interested in helping!

Small house refurbish team update – Andre Tagliamonte shared being 75% done. Interior projects: electrical, framing, plumbing, flooring, windows installed, new front door, drywall, vanity, molding being delivered tomorrow. Inspections upcoming. Left to do: Split heating/ cooling system install, install flooring. Hoping to be done THIS MONTH. Great job to all involved! Also, on track to stay in line with the \$45K budget. A good drywall installer is needed!

ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Bocce Courts and Band Shell- Jack shared these areas need help. The Bocce courts need work that will likely cost several thousand dollars. The ground they are built on has a lot of junk/ fill that is unstable, and it is impacting the courts. A subcommittee is being formed for further discussion and investigation solutions. Any updates will be brought to membership for approval.

Festa – Jim updated- Thanked everyone for all your help! Fantastic!! We have a well-oiled machine! We CANNOT do this without you. Booth chairs did a great job. They put in lots of hours. Jim welcomed any constructive comments so that we can improve festa. A member shared there is a square for the cell phone to maybe take credit cards. We look at this every year and will consider. We BROKE A RECORD. Best Festa to date. Brian Andzik will have a more detailed report forthcoming in Dec/ January.

Kitchen Report – John welcomed Emma Doci! Thanked all members. We are having baked ziti, pizza, beef sliders tonight. John thanked all members that helped with all aspects of kitchen related items during festa, booth chairs and all volunteers. Health Dept gave us good reviews. Kitchen Raffle winner: Barbara Morris won a bucket of goodies! Congratulations!

50/50 Raffle winner is Marisa Varney! Congratulations!

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: October is Italian-American Heritage Month! Promote and Interact on Social media!

Next Council Meeting – October 17, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Next Membership Meeting – November 7, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

CLOSING PRAYER – (Chaplin) Maria Diaspro

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 8:09 pm-Nicole Duff Recording Secretary

Join us for the following upcoming events!

Bunco-Nov 12th 1:30pm-4pm -\$5–BYOB and a snack to share. Sign up and pay at the November mtg!



White Elephant—Dec 3rd at 5pm. BYOB, a snack to share & a White Elephant Gift. FREE Sign up at the November Meeting.

Clifton Mill— Dec 7th, 5-8:30pm. Tony Satariano will provide a bus, and admission, free of charge to transport members from the club to Clifton Mills. The bus holds 28 people so if the bus is full, you can drive there on your own and let them know, upon entering, that you are with John Pirelli Lodge and you will be admitted free. The bus leaves the lodge at 5p and will bring you back by 8:30p. Once at the Mill someone will be chosen to turn on the lights at the Mill for the evening! This event is for members only. Sign-up at the November and December membership meetings.

Adult Christmas Open House -Dec 9th 6:30-8:30 \$5 —for members only. Drinks & appetizers provided. Sign up & pay at the November & December meetings!

Kids Christmas and visit from Santa -Dec 16th -11am— 1pm. Snacks provided. Free event & only for members, their children/grandchildren. Sign up at the November & December meeting!

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We are in need of <u>vour</u> help with the Rental Committee. This includes taking over coordination of lodge and now the Little House Rentals.

Business Members of the Month

In order to promote our Lodge members and their businesses, we will be featuring a business tip on the second page every month. If you are in need of their service, please contact them and let them know where you saw their ad.

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La Cucina & CUPA Grazie!



Thank you to members of the Alter Football Team that volunteered at the Fall Festa. The crew in the picture plated, packed, and served 200 meals in 58 min, along with other dining room volunteers, in the new meal express system. Bravo to these volunteers!

John Fantauzzo Kitchen Coordinator