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Buon Natale!



Ciao Brothers and Sisters!

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas. To all of our members, thank you for everything you do and have done for John Pirelli. We were able to achieve goals and complete several projects because of your efforts. In 2024, we together, will embark on another journey to grow and improve our great lodge. May this Christmas season bring an abundance of happiness and peace to you and your loved ones. God's blessings for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Thank you to the best lodge in the nation!

Join us for the following holiday events!

White Elephant– Dec 3rd at 5pm. BYOB, a snack to share & a White Elephant Gift. If you haven't signed up please contact Libby Balsamo at 937-287-7825. Free event and non-members welcome!

Clifton Mill– Dec 7th, 6pm-9pm. **** NOTE** The bus to the event has been cancelled due** to lack of signups. However please feel free to attend the event on your own and upon entering, let them know you are with John Pirelli Lodge and you will be admitted free. 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 December membership meeting.

Adult Christmas Open House -Dec 9th drop by between 6:30pm-8:30pm \$5 –for members only. Drinks & appetizers provided. Sign up & pay at the December meeting!

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



50/50 winner

The Unforgettables~ Congrats Glen Catunio!
 Decembers 50/50 Charity is Michael's House.

JP Scholarship update

Congratulations to our 2023 John Pirelli scholarship recipients from the University of Dayton and Wright State University! Olivia Catanese is a senior marketing major at UD. Alessandro Malterer and Carter Mansell are from WSU. We will be recognizing these students at our December Membership meeting. Make sure to seek them out and congratulate them that evening!

THANK YOU!

Vinny has a husband and wife team that has agreed to take over the rentals! More info to come!

Grazie Mille!

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

1st Tuesday Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
 3rd Tuesday Council Meeting 6:30 pm
 December 5th Membership meeting 7 pm
 December 19th 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 maria.doepker@sbcglobal.net

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

DECEMBER 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 White Elephant 5pm	4	5 Membership Meeting 7pm	6	7 Clifton Mill- 6pm-9pm @ the Mill	8	9 Adult Christmas Open House 6:30-8:30pm
10	11	12	13	14 Social Committee Meeting 6:30pm	15	16 Kids Christmas Party 11am-1pm
17	18	19 Council Meeting 6:30pm	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Buon Natale! 	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Years Eve						

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November 7, 2023, 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00pm

WELCOME! HAPPY VETERANS DAY TO OUR VETERANS!!!

Members will be seated, and officers will be seated with regalia.

WELCOME! (State and National Officials in attendance) Gloria Marano and Fred Ferrara.

GUESTS? No / FIRST TIMERS- several present for new member initiation.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER - Gloria

OPENING PRAYER – Maria Diaspro

New Member Initiation of 11 new members! Members were notified of our rules and philosophy. They were welcomed with a pin and introduced themselves to the membership. Welcome a tutti! Please join us next Tuesday Nov 14th for new member orientation. Thanks Dan and Judy Bruno for coordinating.

ROLL CALL – Niki: All present except for Drew Titone.

PAST MEETING MINUTES – (revisions or changes? Accept into record.) No changes suggested- accepted into record.

COMMUNICATIONS – Niki: Yes. Thank you note from a previous 50/50 charity recipient, Brigid's Path.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT – Frank reports there are no new membership applications. Current membership total is 509.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Charlie gave updates on all account balances and expenditures. Motion to accept by: Fred Ferrara/ Seconded by: Mark Warner / Discussion: No / Voted: Yes

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Dan and Judy shared that at our December membership meeting, we will be honoring members with 20+ years of membership. There will be certificates for 20+ year members, pins for 25+, plus a few 50-year pins. Honoring of all our Veterans took place during tonight's meeting. All received a round of applause and our gratitude for their service. Pins were passed out to those [present](#).

STATE UPDATE – Gloria shared that the Columbus Lodge is having a "Dean Martin Christmas" on Thurs Dec 7th. The next quarterly meeting will be on Jan 6th likely in Wellsville.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Social – Belinda shared lots of upcoming events. Tonight's 50/50 is The Unforgettables. This charity gives low-income families a chance for a proper burial of their child. Bunco this Sunday from 1:30 – 4pm- \$5, BYOB and a snack. 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 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- Not present but had sent Jack a note sharing that sympathy cards were sent to the Pruzzo and Cali families.

Heritage – Eldora – Not present

Bocce League Captains- None

Cooking Demo's - Elizabeth Not here- Maria Diaspro shared that October had a record-breaking attendance! Great food was prepared. Thanks to all! Next Demo is November 20th. No December cooking demo due to many other events. Jan 8th at 6pm is the next demo. Sign up and pay ahead of time -\$20 for a 5 course meal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Open to the floor. Dan Bruno adds that next Tuesday Nov 14th is new member orientation to acquaint new folks to our lodge. All are welcome! Jeff reiterated for all to come and welcome our new people.

NEW BUSINESS – Increase dues to be voted on during December meeting – Jack asked for members to vote on a \$10 increase in dues beginning next year. Jack prepared and handed out a worksheet detailing our dues, state etc all broken down. JP is currently mid-range with the cost of our dues, compared to other state lodges. At \$45 annually, this breaks down to \$3.75 per month. Our per capita for each member monthly is \$3.29. \$39.50 of the \$45 dues moves out of JP. Monthly, there is a \$137 difference or shortage, equaling \$1640 annually. With a \$10 raise in dues, this will cover dues per capita to state and any additional will go toward infrastructure. There would be no impact to gold members. This \$10 increase in dues would generate \$4200 annually for JP. In January, a slip will be included in the dues envelope, giving you the option to pay more than just the normal due &/ or sponsor someone else. Jack opened up the floor for questions from the membership. Kay Trombino asked about keeping gold member qualifications. Jack: Yes. Kay added that the lodge will be here again in 5 years due to the increasing number of gold members. Is it time to grandfather those in and phase the gold memberships out? Jack – right now we'd like to keep the gold members. Fred Ferrara shared that likely, most of the gold members probably are not [hurting](#) financially and could likely pay the annual dues. Fred suggests that he will pay \$55 as a gold member and this could be the answer if other gold members paid. Rosie Nickelman shared that the gold members could volunteer to pay or not. Eleanor Presutti asked what are the gold members' opinions? Mike Gazzerro asked what is the infrastructure? Mike added there is a shortfall by \$3 per member but the increase is \$10, why not just raise by \$3? Jack shared because we did not want to [raise](#) dues again in 2 years, likely due to increase costs in other areas. Mike asked what is the fundamental reason for dues? Jack: We have a state obligation that will continue and we have one major fund-raising event annually. The state gets \$39 out of our \$45. Kay T added that it costs about \$100k annually to run the lodge but money does not go to anything building related. Stanley Palmere shared that an alternative to the gold member issue, is to have a reduced fee of \$3 to cover per capita difference.

Frank Macharoni asked if other lodges have gold members? Jack- Some do and some don't. Jack encouraged folks to ask council more questions. There will be an upcoming ballot of a simple yes/no in December. Also, look for a slip with your membership due that will give you an opportunity to give more or sponsor another member if you wish. More information will be forthcoming in email blasts so please be on the lookout.

World A' Fair – Update & new JP representative – Jack shared we received a check for nearly \$5000! This was a pleasant surprise! Jack is asking for the person that volunteered previously to be our rep, please see Jack ASAP. We need someone by the end of November and the Duronian group is asking for a 4-year commitment.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER – Open to the floor- None

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING @ 7:51pm

President: Jack Giambrone **Vice President:** Gloria Marano **Past President:** Steve Carusone **Orator:** Jeff Lacon
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SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – November 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:51pm

MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING – changes or revisions? No changes. Accept into record- yes.

COMMUNICATIONS – Niki- None

TREASURER'S REPORT – Charlie updated on all accounts to include balances and expenditures. Motion to accept by: Gloria Marano Seconded by: Fred Ferrara, Discussion: No / Voted- YES.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Buildings and Grounds: Scott thanked all who showed up for the final clean up after festa! Great job! Scott adds there is not a whole lot going on right now. Fred Ferrara asked if we have come to any conclusions around the bocce courts yet? Jack- not yet. Scott adds they are still investigating options. Tentatively looking at beginning work right after festa next year. It is likely going to be expensive, so we are trying to see what we can do ourselves etc. Nancy Amato asked about resuming of the building Expansion? Scott explained that folks are trying to reconvene and to explore possible plans. Nancy Amato asked if the fire hydrant issue is resolved? Jack- No – it is still an issue. Jack adds that Jim Balsamo is looking into the numbers again.

Lodge Rentals: Vincenzo. There is one upcoming rental on Thanksgiving day. The rest that are on the books are lodge functions. **We still someone to help take over this responsibility!** Please let Jack or Vincenzo know ASAP please.

Small house refurbish team update – Andre was not here but Mark Warner shared an update. We had an open house prior to today's meeting to allow all to see the great work that has been done. Just a few odds/ ends left to complete. Mark had a conversation w/ City of Kettering today – they say our ramp must have ADA handrails, and these needs fixed before the certificate of occupancy will be given. Mark shared he will ask about this additional cost in the next council meeting. Kay Trombino asked about total cost so far? Charlie Rigano shared- \$48233 thus far. Kay T. stated the money approved before was for \$45k. Mark reminded that Linda/ Wayne Fischbach generously donated \$5k – covering this additional cost. Jeff Lacon asked what type of railing the city is asking for? Mark Warner explained that a handrail that bolts right into the ramp is needed. Jim Papa asked what is the difference between what we have and what the city wants? Mark shared they want a certain height rail on both sides to help people using a wheelchair, propel themselves up the ramp. Mark Da Grossa clarified that Kettering wants us to have an ADA handrail, but not the bathroom? Mark shared that we were grandfathered in on the bathroom, so it does not need to be ADA compliant. Jeff Lacon asked if the front door was wide enough? Mark- Yes. Jim Holbrook asked what you are thinking of doing, purchasing something that attaches to the existing railing? Mark- Yes- we currently have sturdy metal rails that something could be attached. Jack congratulated the entire team, adding that the house looks great!

ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Bocce Courts and Band Shell needs repairs going into Festa next year. More information to come on this later.

Festa – Brian or Jim- Tabled, neither present for update.

Kitchen Report – John welcomed our new members and thanked the cucina crew. John thanked Maria Diaspro for the pumpkin decorations outside. See John for festa products that we still have for sale. John played a game around "This is your life." John chose Scott to participate. John explained that Scott makes all of the food that comes out of the kitchen during festa, look easy, and thanked him for all he does. The sauce and pasta crew stood up and were recognized (Vince, Mark Warner). Tonight we had sliders, pasta and sauce, cookies and pizza! "No two pizzas alike." The Kitchen raffle winner is Jan Scaglione- Congratulations!

50/50 Raffle winner: Glen Catunio

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: November 10th is Veterans Day! We can't thank you enough!

Next Council Meeting – November 21, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Next Membership Meeting – December 5, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

CLOSING PRAYER – (Chaplin) Anne Beecroft

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 8:23pm

Respectfully Submitted

Nicole Duff

Recording Secretary

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Welcome New Members!



Andrea Burkhart, Caterinna Burkhart, Mark Swiger, Beau Corna, AJ Folino, William Petering, Steve Howard, Joan Howard, Jason Manzo David Snell, Emanuela Doci

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!

Members at the November meeting enjoyed the return of "No Two Pizzas Alike", mild and spicy sausage sliders, beef and pepper sliders, baked ziti, mortadella on warm rosemary flatbread, and cookies and ice cream.

Molte Grazie to Luke Sabatino, Steve Torre, Tom Toskin, Suzanne Perazzo, Scott Davis, Johnna Fantauzzo, Don Miceli, and Mark Warner for their help in the Cucina. Thanks to those who helped clean up after the meeting.

A basket full of Italian treats was the raffle gift to the excited winner Jan Scaglione! Anyone who wants to donate an item for the raffle, please contact me or bring it to the meeting. Thanks to all that have donated.

John Fantauzzo
LaCucina Manager