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## Buon Anno!

### John Pirelli Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our 2023 John Pirelli scholarship winners: Olivia Catanese, Alessandro Malterer & Carter Mansell



Thank you to Santa, and the entire social committee for putting together such great gatherings over the holidays!



### CONGRATULATIONS

to our 20, 25 and 50 year milestone members!  
See JP minutes for list of all names!

### 50/50 winner

Congratulations to Katie Swiger who won the 50/50 drawing, benefiting Michael's House!  
January's 50/50 is The Glen.

### Cooking Demo

Please join us for the next Cooking Demo— January 8th @ 6:30pm. Sign up at the January Membership Meeting!

### RENTALS

Grazie Mille to Laurie and Willie Hickey, who have volunteered to take over rental coordination from Vince Trombino. Thank you, Vince, for many years of service!

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

1st Tuesday                    Membership Meeting 7:00 pm  
 3rd Tuesday                  Council Meeting 6:30 pm  
 January 2nd                    Membership meeting 7 pm  
 January 23th                  Council Meeting 6:30 pm - DATE CHANGE for this month

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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).**

# JANUARY 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year!	2 Membership Meeting 7pm	3	4	5	6
7	8 Cooking Demo @ 6:30pm.	9	10	11 Social Committee Meeting 6:30pm	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Council Meeting 6:30pm	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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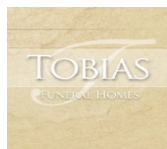


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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – December 5, 2023, 7:00pm

WELCOME! **Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to All!!!**

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00pm

WELCOME! (State and National Officials in attendance) Fred Ferrara, Tony Lacon, Gloria Marano, Jim Balsamo, Eldora and Tony Perfilio, & Jack Giambone)

GUESTS- Yes- several- mostly family of the scholarship recipients. FIRST TIMERS: Yes: AJ Filino~ Welcome!

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER - Gloria

OPENING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Chaplin- Maria Diaspro

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All Members

HONOR ITALIAN FLAG – Rosie Nickelman and All Members (Please state your name when making comments or motions to the floor - recording purposes) John Pirelli Scholarship

Presentation - Gloria. Alessandro Malterer, who is studying Entrepreneurship at WSU-; Carter Mansell, who is studying Electrical Engineering at WSU and Olivia Catanese, who is a Marketing major at the University of Dayton. All shared a few kind words and expressed their gratitude for the scholarships awarded. Congratulations all!

ROLL CALL – Niki. All present except for Steve Bertolo and Mark Warner

PAST MEETING MINUTES – (revisions or changes? Accept into record.) Niki shared that there was one small error on the initiation names from last month. Bill Daniels participated in the initiation, not William Petering. Minutes were accepted into record.

COMMUNICATIONS – Niki- Yes- thank you card from Carroll Women's volleyball team. They sent a HUGE thank you card, for allowing them to participate at Festa by collecting the trash. Our donation to them will allow them to buy new uniforms and other needed equipment for the team.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT – Frank shared there are no new applicants. After the vote tonight, we'll begin collecting money for 2024 dues. This will take place in January and February also. Total membership is currently 509 people.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Charlie discussed balances and expenditures of all accounts. There was no movement with funds in the money market this month. We received our last Festa bill recently. We made money on the cooking demo. Thanks to everyone, including the non-members who pay extra! Motion to accept by Jeff Lacon / Seconded by: Gloria Marano.

DISCUSSION: Tony Perfilio congratulated Charlie on making the report fun. VOTED- YES.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Dan and Judy presented milestone achievements to many members to include 50 year (Pins) to Fran Franchina, Charles Lauricella, Jim Togliatti, Peggy Togliatti. 25-year pins to Sandy Amato, Tony Amato Jr, Joe and Terri Baldasare, Michael D'Amico, Tom D'Amico, Wanda D'Amico, Louisa Dretty, Phillip Dretty, Dan Lauricella, Angelina Manzo, Eldora and Tony Perfilio, Gilda Rittenhouse, Pete and Gloria Carusone, Rosemary Starr and Mary Ann Toney. 20 year certificates went to Mary Ann Adducchio, Clement Adducchio, Mario Arzate, Frank Campanile, Lou D'Alosio, Nick L D'Amico, Tom J D'Amico, Jim Gilmore, Judith Gilmore, Otto Hohm, Patricia Hohm, Tony Lacon, Edith Marie Longhin, Juanita Manzo, Maria Manzo, Joe Perry, Anna Stolfo, Bill Walker, Denise Walker, Wayne Fischbach, Tina Wingate, Linda Madaffer, Flo Davis, Frances Hatfield, Tom Scott, Luann Scott and Sue Smith. Congratulations everyone!

STATE UPDATE – Gloria shared that Terry Lattavo's mother passed away, then Terry discovered he has a blood clot. Please send thoughts/ prayers. The quarterly meeting will be on Jan 6 at the Bellaire Lodge.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Social – Belinda shared today's 50/50 is Michael's House, which is a child advocacy center, dedicated to improving service delivery to those serving kids who have been mistreated.

Clifton Mill lights- THIS THURSDAY Dec 7th- 6pm-9pm - meet there. Free night for members only to see the lights. Adult Christmas Open House Dec 9<sup>th</sup> – drop by between 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Members only event. \$5 donation from each person to help cover cost. Children's Christmas party will be December 16<sup>th</sup> 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 get well cards were sent to Helen Longo, Eldora Perfilio and Larry Skapin.

Heritage – Eldora shared that a few people from our lodge are featured in the Questo Mese newsletter, including Brian Andzik, as well as a food article that Eldora wrote, sharing information about our very successful cooking demo (Elizabeth Battista and crew). There is a new national committee called The Italian Relations, Cultural, Language and Travel Committee. A few of our young members are a part of this committee to include Emanuela Doci and Katie Swiger. One of the goals of this committee is to improve relations with lodges in Italy, among other things. The Sons Of Italy national scholarship applications are online now. These are competitive, but Ohio is often represented. At the Leadership Awards Gala this year, there will be a Salute to Sicily. Eldora has open spots on her trips in 2025- Hidden Italy- covering the Abruzzo and Molise regions, with 8 spots left. There are also spots still open on the Croatia/ Slovenia and Trieste trip! Please reach out to Eldora for more information. Ask Eldora if you want a copy of the sweets of the Italian regions for the holidays and she'll email it to you. Elizabeth Battista had Eldora read a story about Harry Giambone, and there are some artifacts for the little house/ cultural center for display if desired.

Bocce League Captains –Jim reports that is not too soon to start thinking about the Bocce League! New members welcome! Steve Carusone's team won the Dead Rabbit League (in the Fall). Congrats! Womens: Will have a meeting in March 2024

Cooking Demo's - Elizabeth shared there will be no December demo. Next demo is Monday Jan 8<sup>th</sup>. Sign up ASAP!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Membership dues vote discussion: It is proposed to increase \$10 per person in dues, to \$55 for the year. Jack explains this increase is being asked to cover a shortage from charge from state and to continue honoring structure of the gold members. We hope to set this as a price that is not too aggressive, but that will also withstand the test of time so we do not have to return and ask for more dues increases in near future. Stan Palmere shared that it is improper to have this discussion with non-members present. Jack agreed and the guests were escorted out of the room at this time. Jack reviewed the ballot in detail and opened the floor for questions/ comments/ discussion. Steve Carusone shared he is not in favor because the lodge has been built on the fact that every member here works to make the lodge successful. The bank accounts balances are positive. He feels an increase would impact membership and we would lose people. This loss of people would impact our volunteers and ability to pull off Festa and other activities. Jeff Lacon adds while only \$10 per person- it is \$20 per couple. Elizabeth Battista asked how many gold members do we have, and do we pay the state for them as well? Jack: Yes, we pay the state per capita. Eldora Perfilio feels the increase is not that big of a difference. She compared this to other lodges who charge more. All costs have gone up, so this makes sense and seems reasonable. Gloria Marano agrees with Eldora. Gloria adds that for us to maintain, it costs us over 100K annually to operate this lodge annually. With our monthly dues, we get the monthly meal during membership meeting, and other benefits including scholarships, discounts etc. Kevin Sorice shared he is involved with other organizations, and they will "pass the hat" first, before mandating an increase in dues. He also suggested a 2-tiered system possibly- adding that new members pay more. As we age, we are not bringing in young members at a faster rate to help compensate. Our current bank account does not line up to support this ask raising dues (bank account in positive territory). Kevin shared this the 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> raise he has experienced since becoming a member. He is looking long term. Maria Napier requested all people need to speak into the microphone so all can hear. Nancy Amato- recently joined another organization that charges \$50 and they pay twice per year. Can we break it up? Nancy shared at the other organization, they also pay for their own lunch etc. Could this be adopted? Tony Vannicola added that when all members signed up, it was a contract that we knew what our dues were and what it took to be a gold member. Could we change how many years it takes to become a gold member? Chuck Levin: \$10 is not a lot, but some pay for others (kids, nieces etc), and it adds up. How many will we lose as a result? We love the lodge- but folks may not return. Eldora asked the number of Gold members? Frank Clement shared 96 current and will be 108 next year. How many gold members do, and would pay their dues still? Jack reminded that there will be a form with the dues, giving gold members a choice to pay, as well as others to pay more or sponsor someone else. Tony Perfilio corrected the process, and need to have a motion to end discussion. Motion by Tony Perfilio to end discussion/ Seconded by Jeff Lacon- VOTE- YES. Pete Carusone Motioned for a vote on the dues increase by \$10 per person annually / Seconded by Maria Napier

VOTING took place from about 8:05pm – 8:15pm.

NEW BUSINESS – Open to the floor: World A' Fair – Update & new JP representative: Jack reports that Dr. Patrick Greco will be our rep. Thank you!

WELFARE OF THE ORDER – Open to the floor: Katie Swiger shared that she has some John Pirelli Cards- to sign for Carmelo, President of Palermo lodge in Italy, who lost his mother. Stop by her table to sign a card and they will be sent off soon.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING@ 8:18

**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 – December 5, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER @ 8:18**

**MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING – changes or revisions? NO- Accept into record?- Yes- Accepted.**

**COMMUNICATIONS – Niki. - NONE**

**TREASURER'S REPORT -** Charlie shared balances and expenditures on all accounts discussed. He did moved money b/w money market and checking 3 times to save/make money. Charlie shared Jack Giambrone and family, made a generous donation to the little house. Motion to accept BOTH Reports (JP and Societa at same time due to having guests that left during this discussion and were waiting to return) by Jeff Lacon / seconded by Gloria Marano Discussion for both JP and Societa -see above in JP- Voted YES-

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

**Buildings and Grounds:** Scott- Nothing new. Things continue to progress.

**Lodge Rentals:** Vincenzo found a replacement! Laurie and Willie Hickey have graciously agreed to take over these responsibilities! Grazie Mille! There was a huge round of applause for Vinny for many years of faithful service!

**Small house refurbish team update –** Andre shared updates about the little house. LITTLE HOUSE IS DONE! Rentals can start soon. There will be a rental agreement with a *suggested* cost of \$200 per rental. Final budget- audited by Charlie and Andre. Lodge members approved 45k and there were donations of another 6k. Total of 51K –ish. Came in just below with a surplus of \$8.00. Andre recapped how close the little house was to demolition, and all of the work and cooperation that took place to create a new space to rent, meet etc. The little house committee was tasked to rebuild the house. They were not asked to furnish the house and we need help! Andre shared that he will be asking council to approve 10- 15K to outfit the house and finalize everything. Andre shared about the house appraisal, and is suggesting to insure house for 125K. The house is 517 square feet and they were permitted for 49 person occupancy. He feels the insurable amount would be prudent. Andre explained that the house is very quiet and well built. Updates to rental agreement are needed and will be coming. Questions?

**Greg:** When can we start using for meetings and other activities? If taken care of, could be as soon as next week. What is the procedure?

**Vinny:** what are we using the house for. Museum? Rental? Etc? Andre- multiple reasons, rental, foundational support for our heritage center (donated funds). Steve Flury shared a challenge on the 49 people occupancy. There was some discussion around folks who voted for/ against refurbishing of the house. Jack clarified this is not a justification session and reminded about respect. Tony Perfilo- reminded all that this was voted on, even though it was a divided house. The team did it and did a wonderful job. We cannot quibble about this any longer. Tony clarified that we need to follow what the city says around 49 people occupancy. Add the house to insurance for fire also. Jim concurs that we need to move on and they did a great job! Jim also clarified that the Fire Marshal uses a formula to come up with the occupancy. A member asked Can we use to play cards and other small meetings/ gatherings etc? Jack shared that in late December / early January- yes- likely no fee to members for use similar to what use the main building for. As mentioned before, there will be a rental agreement for the little house, to use in a similar way as the main building, renting out for special events/ activities. Maria Diaspro- can we advertise for this or just for members? Likely members only at this time. Steve Carusone: Thank you to Andre and the entire little house team (countless volunteer hours) Great job! Jack congratulated Andre on taking this project on as a new member and contributing to the greatness of our lodge. We have so many talented people in our lodge.

**ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS –** Bocce Courts and Expansion Update – Jim Balsamo: There will be a final festa report in January. Jim thanked all booth chairs and volunteers again! Other projects: Bocce Courts 3 options. Short and long term will be presented to council soon, then ideas will be brought to members. Lodge Expansion discussions have resumed. More information to come, that will also be presented in council mtg. Jim asked for questions/ comments. Fred Ferrara clarified that members will get to Vote on bocce etc once passed through council. Yes.

**Festa –** Brian will report in January.

**Kitchen Report –** John shared that the Alter football team has volunteered at Festa for the last 4 years. His kids made it to the state finals in Football! John and Stan presented Carole DePasquale- with a “This is your life” story, honoring her with flowers / stories. Congrats! Julia Hall won the kitchen raffle! She won a basket of goodies donated by Steve Bertolo. Folks enjoyed sliders tonight.

**50/50 Raffle** Michaels House. Katie Swiger won \$85 ~Congratulations!.

**DUES VOTING** results are in: YES= 53, NO= 36 , 1 abstention: Motion PASSED raised to \$55 annually. **FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Merry Christmas everyone and Happy New Year! If you know of any members who need assistance during these times, please reach out to me!** Jack was in Triangle Park! Tony Perfilio shared that he will apply his and Eldora’s \$110 dues, to the first 11 new members- applying \$10 each to help out!

**Next Council Meeting – December 19, 2023 @ 6:30 pm**

**Next Membership Meeting – January 2, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**

**CLOSING PRAYER –** (Chaplin) Anne Beecroft – we sang We Three kings and What Child Is This. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 8:59**

Respectfully Submitted  
 Nicole Duff  
 Recording Secretary

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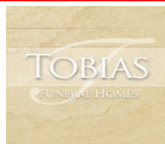
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Grazie to La Cucina & CUPA:

Members at the December meeting enjoyed "No two pizzas alike", Italian beef sliders, spicy sausage sliders, mortadella on warm focaccia bread, panettone, and ice cream sundaes. Molte Grazie to Luke Sabatino, Steve Torre, Tom Toskin, Suzanne Perazzo, Scott Davis, Johnna Fantauzzo, Don Miceli, and Ralph Conte for their help in the Cucina. 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 Julia Hall! 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  
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