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## Happy Valentine's Day



Letter From The President ,

Ciao Brothers and Sisters! Happy New Year to all of you and your families.

We move into 2024 with some wonderful accomplishments from a record Festa to a growing membership. To record charity contributions and the development of our cultural center.

Please be sure to attend our February membership meeting to discuss important upcoming projects that need your input and vote.

Let's keep our momentum united for greater accomplishments in 2024. God's Blessings to the best lodge in America.

Jack

This year's Stanley Cup co-recipient is **Chuck Levin!** Thanks for all your hard work, all year at the lodge and with Festa! There is another recipient that will be announced when they can be at the next membership meeting.



### 50/50 winner

Congratulations to **Stan Palmere**, who won the 50/50 drawing, benefiting The Glen. February's 50/50 is for the Torres Family (See Bella Villa email!)

### Dues Reminder!

Membership Dues are due by the **March 5 meeting**. Dues are \$55 and are to be made out to John Pirelli Lodge. You can mail them to:

John Pirelli Lodge  
 2625 County Line Rd.  
 Kettering, OH 45429

### 2024 Men's Bocce League:

If you didn't play bocce last summer you missed all the fun....don't make the same mistake this year. We are always looking to add players to existing teams and form new teams. League play will begin in early May. If you are interested in joining, please call or email Jim Balsamo at 937-269-4504; [balsam5775@aol.com](mailto:balsam5775@aol.com)

### Cooking Demo

February's Demo will be on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Please Contact-Mary Ann Chadbourne at 937-430-2880 or sign up/ pay at the next membership meeting!

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

1st Tuesday      Membership Meeting 7:00 pm  
 3rd Tuesday      Council Meeting 6:30 pm  
 February 6th      Membership meeting 7 pm  
 February 20th      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](mailto:bellavillasocialevents@gmail.com) or [maria.doepker@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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).**

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 Also, when renting the hall or the Little House, please remember to make your check payable to Società Di Mutuo Soccorso (not John Pirelli.)

# FEBRUARY 2024

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

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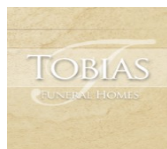
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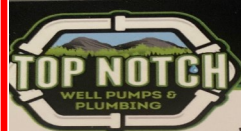
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GIOVANNI PIRELLI LODGE #1633  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – January 2, 2024, 7:00pm

**CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00pm**

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

**WELCOME!** (State and National Officials in attendance): Gloria Marano, Jack Giambrone, Tony Lacon, Brian Andzik, Jim Balsamo, Fred Ferrara, Eldora and Tony Perfilio. Welcome All!

**GUESTS?** None **FIRST TIMERS?** None

**STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER** - Gloria

**OPENING PRAYER** – Maria Diaspro

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – All Members

**HONOR ITALIAN FLAG** – All Members

(Please state your name when making comments or motions to the floor - recording purposes)

**ROLL CALL** – Niki. All council members were present except Steve Carusone.

**PAST MEETING MINUTES** – (revisions or changes? Accept into record.) No additions/ corrections. Accepted into record.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Niki: Yes, thank you card from previous 50/50 charity, The Unforgettables and thank you cards from Oasis House and Hospice of Dayton for donations to them resulting from our Bocce Classic.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT** – Frank: No new applicants. Current census is 510.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Charlie gave updates on all accounts, balances and expenditures. Motion to accept by: Gloria Marano / Seconded by: Jeff Lacon Discussion: None Vote: Yes

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – Dan and Judy: Nothing new for members. Dan shared the passing of Linda / Wayne Fischbach's granddaughter, Maura Homan. Visitation will be 1/5/24 from 4pm- 8pm at Tobias Funeral Home on Far Hills. A Christian Mass will be on Saturday 1/6/24 at 10:30am at 9579 Yankee Rd, Springboro, Ohio at St. Mary of the Assumption Church. The burial will be a private family event. Mark Warner read a message from Linda, sharing a little about Maura. Among the many accomplishments, Maura helped at festa for 10 years and was the recipient of a Grand Lodge Ohio scholarship. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

**STATE UPDATE** – Gloria. State: Meeting on 1/6/24 -this Saturday at the Bellaire Lodge.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Social** – Belinda: Tonight's 50/50 is The Glen: This is an Educational/ residential campus for single moms, to help get them out of poverty. This program has served 191 mothers thus far and 263 children. Moms participate in weekly meetings with their life coaches. Jack will match any contribution dollar for dollar! Belinda thanked everyone for attending all of the Nov/ Dec activities. **UPCOMING EVENT**- Charlie Rigano shared that he will hold a Sim Trainer activity. This is a special class for members, spouses, and close friends. Charlie will be teaching the basics of shooting for beginners. This will be a 3-hour class. The cost is \$25 per person and includes the use of a 22 handgun, 50 rounds, a target, and 3 hours of Charlie . This event will take place Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm- 4:30pm. Sign up and pay at the next 2 meetings. Please make checks payable to John Pirelli or pay cash.

**Sunshine** – Rita – not here, but Vince Trombino reported in, sharing that a card went out to Larry Skapin after knee surgery. Tim Pedro is having back surgery soon.

**Heritage** – Eldora shared some New Years traditions in Italy. "Capodanno"- Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Small towns throughout Italy. They celebrate by throwing out old dishes, pans etc, symbolizing "getting rid of old/ past." They kiss under mistletoe on New Years (not Christmas), Light a candle at night, opening a window at night to get rid of negative spirits/ energy. Folks will attend concerts and go to Piazzas, fireworks to scare bad spirits away. They will eat lentils (representing gold coins) before midnight, which brings good luck / prosperity. Eating 12 grapes at Mid-night. "He who eats grapes on NYE counts money all year long". Special foods at New Years include meat, greens (chicory), crepes or potato pancakes. Some folks wear red undies for good luck. If you see an old person first- this is a sign of good luck throughout the year. Others celebrate by having elaborate nativity sets and complete tiny villages. Eldora adds that the National Committee on Culture is working on some things, and there is more to come. The 2024 GLO scholarship and National Scholarship information will be forthcoming.

**Bocce League Captains**- Ladies: Nothing.

**Men's Bocce**: Jim Balsamo reports there will be a meeting in late April and play will start in May. Please see Jim if you'd like to play. Jim will have more information in upcoming newsletters.

**Cooking Demo's** - Elizabeth Battisti shares that the next demo is 1/8/24 at 6:30- NO MORE RESERVATIONS are being accepted for this demo. February's Demo will be on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Please Contact- Mary Ann Chadbourne at 937-430-2880 or sign up/ pay at the next membership meeting!

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - Open to the floor. Nothing.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Open to the floor: Small house rental clarification: The little house would be free and open for member use for activities like card playing, meetings etc. Rental would be needed for all other activities (similar to the lodge use). Question of when members can start using the house? Jack shared that we just got a certificate of occupancy, and we need to outfit the inside. Maybe in about 30 days? Drew shared that technically, we could use "as is" now- but there is no furniture. Reminder there is a 49-person occupancy for the little house space.

**World A' Fair** – We are in need of a new JP representative – Jack. Dr. Greco is unable to make the time commitment needed. Please see Jack ASAP if you are interested in helping in this area.

**WELFARE OF THE ORDER** – Open to the floor. Tony Perfilio reminded that he is applying \$10 each, to the first 11 new members- please let him know so he can provide a check to lodge.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING@ 7:37pm

President: *Jack Giambrone* Vice President: *Gloria Marano* Past President: *Steve Carusone* Orator: *Jeff Lacon*  
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## AGENDA - SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – January 2, 2024

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:37pm

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

COMMUNICATIONS – Niki: None

TREASURER’S REPORT – Charlie gave updates on all accounts, balances, and expenditures. Motion to accept by Mark Warner / seconded by: Pete Petrini Discussion: None Vote: Yes

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Buildings and Grounds: Scott: Not much is happening this time of year. He is gathering estimates on asphalt fixes etc. If you see something that needs attention, please let Scott know. Pete Petrini asked if the Sfingi concrete pad will be enlarged? This needs discussed with the Festa group. Dan Bruno commented that the sign by the road is not lit up anymore. Unsure who dealt with this in the past, but we’ll look into it and getting it lit back up. Tony Lacon shared this should be wired for a spotlight to shine on the sign. We could use solar lights too. Pavers, soil and bushes will be placed out front of Little House at some point.

Lodge Rentals – 2024 schedule. Working on a plan to include the small center. Nothing yet. Laurie and Willie Hickey are the new contacts. Please contact them at [lauriehickey@hotmail.com](mailto:lauriehickey@hotmail.com) or Willie at 937-789-2369.

ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Bocce Courts, Expansion and Foundation Update – BOCCE courts: Jim Balsamo shared about a possible SHORT TERM fix that would cost about \$5000-\$8000 and would be completed before Bocce starts this year. It would entail hiring someone to roll carpets back, level, roll and back carpet. A possible LONG-TERM option- would be to excavate the entire area. Dig down 3-5 feet to get all trash out. Replace with good fill and rebuild courts w/ composite material. This would be considerably more money. We are looking at details of costs, then will come to council, then bring to members for discussion. A question was asked about Lodge

EXPANSION: Jim shared that some ideas were submitted to council and awaiting information from council before proceeding. We will then bring to members. Jack is still researching how a 3<sup>rd</sup> entity may impact us. Festa – Brian: Good News: Not a LONG report. A lot has changed over the years of Festa. What we pull off is very difficult- it’s amazing we can do this. Guests from the Supreme lodge shared the property we have, is great! We continue to be impressed with the Festa and operations. We continue to have a great reputation. Brian shared we were mostly lucky with the weather, except for the first hour on Friday night. That likely impacted us a little. No Greek festival this time around and we anticipated a larger crowd thinking those folks would come to our Festa. This backfired to some degree, as folks stayed away thinking it would be more crowded. Otherwise, things went well. Some layout changes worked out well. Sunday- Browns played the Bengals- likely impacted attendance. Brian cautions against growth of sales by price increases only. How can we grow in other ways? Cost management we’ll have to consider- including- Kettering Police, Rumpke, shuttle drivers etc. Our Sales were: \$428K + . The best to date by a few thousand dollars. Profit was \$141K, which is 33% of the sales. Volunteers are still needed. Brian thanked many folks, including John Fantauzzo, Scott Davis, all booth chairs, Gloria for taking on 2 booths, Jack, and the council for all of the support, and all of the volunteers. Brian congratulated Frank and the “money team” that coordinated all of the money pickups during Festa. Reynolds / Reynolds for parking continued to be extremely valuable. Brian thanked Charlie for the treasury work, as well as the entire Festa Team! Elizabeth Battisti shared we need ATM’s near the building to catch sales. The Stanley Cup award presentation: This award is designed to recognize someone who has dedicated extraordinary time for festa and the lodge throughout the entire year! This year’s winner is Chuck Levin! Congrats! There is a co-winner, that will be announced when they can be in attendance. Kitchen Report – John – welcome back Tom Toskin! This is your life segment: Freddo Degrassi –who started the festa breakfast tradition years ago! If you have a future nominee for this segment, let John know. John thanked Steve Bertolo for donating last month’s basket- it was really good! Kitchen Raffle winner is Anne Beecroft! Congrats. 50/50 Raffle winner is Stanley Palmer! \$115 to Stan and \$215 total

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Council meeting date change noted.

Next Council Meeting – January 23, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Next Membership Meeting – February 6, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

CLOSING PRAYER – Anne Beecroft

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 8:26pm

Respectfully Submitted

Nicole Duff

Recording Secretary.

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### SHOOTING FOR BEGINNERS

Join us for the Basics of Shooting for Beginners. This will be a 3-hour class. The cost is \$25 per person and includes the use of a 22 handgun, 50 rounds, and a target. Please contact Charlie Rigano with any questions at 937-424-7095

**When:** Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm- 4:30pm.

**Where:** Sim Trainer -2031 Dryden Rd. Moraine, Ohio 45439

**Sign up and pay at the next 2 meetings.** Please make checks payable to John Pirelli or pay cash.



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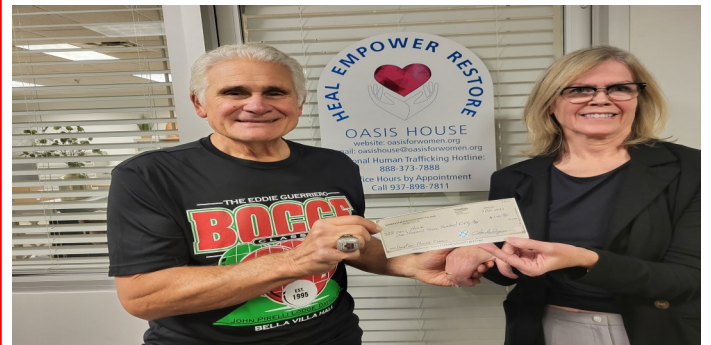
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# Bocce Classic

The Bocce Classic charities donation was presented to Donna Pierce, Director of Oasis House. This event continues the tradition of supporting local charities and promoting the Italian game of bocce. A special thank you to the many volunteers that made this event a success. Thanks to the Arrow Wine Team and the Thunder Rolls for donating their prize money to the charities. A thank you to Jacob Walker of Walker Toyota for sponsoring the complimentary pasta dinner, and a big thanks to everyone who donated the gift baskets, and to those who purchased raffle tickets.



John Fantauzzo  
LaCucina Manager