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Buona Pasqua!

The position of <u>Orator</u> has now been vacated and we are accepting nominations for the position. We have one candidate at the present time. If there are no other candidates we can move the person in quickly.

Those interested can email Jim Balsamo at: jimbal-samo1@gmail.com

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

Join us for UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

<u>3/7:</u> Reminder that the Sons of Italy National Scholarship applications must be received by the National Office no later than March 7, 2024.

<u>3/10</u> CABRINI; Sunday. March 10th meet at the Cinemark at the Greene Theatre for the 2:55p showing of the Italian heritage movie, Cabrini. You are responsible for purchasing your own ticket for the movie. Tickets for the show, which is a matinee, are \$9.00 and can be purchased ahead of time online at www.cinemark.com. Immediately after the movie those interested will meet at Club Oceano to socialize and dinner! Prices for dinner are as listed on the menu. Please sign up at the March membership meeting if interested so we have a count for dinner at Club Oceano. If you have any questions or wish to signup and can't make the March meeting please contact Joanna Garcia at lenefonte@gmail.com or 330-502-9190.

3/16: SHOOTING FOR BEGINNERS

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 16th- from 1:30pm- 4:30pm.

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

This class is FULL. However, another class will be offered at a later date.

<u>3/16</u>— Euchre Saturday, March 16th at 6:30p. \$5.00 per person to play, with all money collected going towards prize money. Please bring a side dish to share and BYOB. Open to members/non-members. Sign up at March membership meeting.

Interested in renting the lodge or the Heritage Hall? Please contact: Laurie & Willie Hickey @ lauriehickey@hotmail.com, or at 937-789-2369

Mark your calendars!

Kentucky Derby Party at the Lodge Saturday, May 4th 5:00 pm Sign up at the March and April meetings Details to follow.

50/50 winner

Congratulations to **Linda Fischbach**, who won the 50/50 drawing, benefiting the Torres Family. Linda generously donated her winnings back to the family!

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

1st Tuesday 3rd Tuesday March 5th March 19th

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: <u>bellavillasocialevents@gmail.com</u> or <u>maria.doepker@sbcglobal.net</u>

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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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For hall rental, please contact Laurie & Willie Hickey @ lauriehickey@hotmail.com, or at 937-789-2369
Also, when renting the hall or the Little House, please remember to make your check payable to Societa Di Mutuo Soccorso (not John Pirelli.)

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17	18	Council Mtg @ 6:30pm	20	21	22	23 Kids Easter I I am - I pm
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31 Happy Easter! Buona Pasqua!						

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GIOVANNI PIRELLI LODGE #1633 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – February 6, 2024, 7:00pm CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00pm

WELCOME! (State and National Officials in attendance) Tony Lacon, Gloria Marano, Fred Ferrara, Jack Giambrone, and Brian Andzik

GUESTS? YES- Derrick Garrambone- here w/ his father, Mike Garrambone FIRST TIMERS? Yes- Nina Singer.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER - Gloria Marano

OPENING PRAYER - Our John Pirelli Chaplin- Maria Disaspro

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - All Members

HONOR ITALIAN FLAG - All Members

ROLL CALL - Niki. All council members were present.

<u>PAST MEETING MINUTES</u> – No revisions or changes requested. Voted into record. YESCOMMUNICATIONS – Niki. Yes- Michael's House sent a thank you note for the 50/50 contribution recently made. We also received a thank you card from Frances (Valenti) Hatfield, for a Gold Member Certificate that they are proudly displaying in their home!

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT – Frank updated that approximately 2/3 of the dues have been collected already. Frank shared 3 New applicants: 1) Julie Pietrantonio 2) Emma Militello Youth member- 3) Grace Militello youth member. Membership voted all new applicants in together in one vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Charlie shared all account balances and expenditures. Charlie moved \$1000 in to the business share account to capitalize on a 7% return. UPDATE: This money was moved back, as the 7% was not available. We made \$6,200 in interest on our two money market accounts during 2023. Charlie moved other monies around in order to make as much as possible. Motion to accept report by: Gloria Marano / Seconded: Frank Clement/ Discussion: None Voted: YES

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Dan and Judy. Dan clarified GOLD member status criteria, as he had some questions lately. In order to be a Gold Member, you must have 20 +years as a Lodge member, plus be 70 years or older. Dan also shared that all volunteers are secured for Mary Fares upcoming funeral. Thank you!

STATE UPDATE — Gloria Marano shared updates from the State: The password and username have been found! - The state folks are able to access the website and are completing updates. You can look here for other lodge activities etc. The state is also starting to do training for the IMEMBER website. This is a database used by financial secretaries to track membership, collect dues, host/ register events etc. GLO Scholarship application due date is March 15th- Reminder that this is for college aged people. JP has been well represented in receiving these scholarships historically. Additionally, it has been recommended by the scholarship committee to use funds from our Dayton Foundation account, to fund a scholarship in the amount of \$1000. Motion to accept fund for \$1000 from The Dayton Foundation by Gloria Marano / Seconded by Jeff Lacon- Discussion: Michelle Janke asked about WSU involvement being a must? No- this scholarship is not affiliated with a particular school. Voted YES

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

• Social – Belinda- Stephanie Fantauzzo Johnson spoke about the Torres Family, today's 50/50 recipient. The Torres are an Ecuadorian family that fled overnight. 7 family members came here with nothing. The goal is a GC for groceries mainly and any help is greatly appreciated. <u>CABRINI movie group outing</u>. At The Greene movie theater- 2:55pm on March 10th. Afterwards, plan to meet at Club Oceano for dinner around 5:30pm Buy movie ticket online on your own, but sign up at our meeting also so the restaurant knows how many people plan to attend. <u>Euchre</u> Saturday 3/16 at 6:30. This will cost \$5, please bring a dish and BYOB- all money goes to prizes and you can pay at the door. Reminder that this is the same day as shooting class. Charlie- <u>Shooting for beginners</u> Saturday 3/16 from 1:30- 4:30pm at SIM Trainer. Charlie will teach EVERYTHING from how to hold a firearm, standing, pulling trigger etc. We will assume you don't know anything about handling/ shooting a gun. Approximately 1:30 hours of class time, followed by target shooting. Cost is \$25 and includes use of a .22 gun, 50 rounds and target. You CANNOT bring your own gun please. 18 people MAX. Sign up soon! Will you be getting into legal ramifications? NO- this is not a CCW course. If we have more than 18, we may plan to do another class in the future. Kids Easter-3/23 from 11am-1pm-Members kids and grandkids are welcome. There will snacks, an egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

<u>Sunshine</u> – Rita Sympathy cards were sent to Linda and Wayne Fischbach on the passing of their granddaughter and to Aggie Marcellino on the passing of her husband and our fellow member Mike. A get-well card was sent to Tim Pedro.

Heritage - Eldora- Not present

Bocce League Captains: Ladies Bocce- Julia Hall shares there will be a meeting 3/7/24 at 6pm. Please let her know if you are interested in joining. Men's Bocce-Jim Balsamo- Not

Elaine Long reminds that the Bocce Classic is July 19 and 20th.

Cooking Demo's – Elizabeth- not present / Mary Ann Claybourne reports that this month's demo is Feb 26th at 6:30pm. We need volunteers for a main dish and a salad. \$20 cost per person.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Open to the floor. NONE

NEW BUSINESS - Open to the floor. Jack: 1) Foundation Re-cap- Jack and Charlie met with a lawyer about 501c3 status, guidelines, rules etc. Heritage House committee will be meeting to discuss further next steps. Linda Fischbach- adds details about this meeting. Jack shared by law- the nonprofit and for profit have to be separate. Linda disagrees and expressed frustration. The Heritage House Committee simply wanted the cultural heritage to be displayed/honored for our lodge and is deeply disappointed around this decision to not move forward with the 501c3 status. The Heritage House Committee will re-group and decide where we go from here. Pete Petrini asks- does this mean we won't have the cultural center? For clarification, Societa (for profit) and Pirelli (non-profit) are separate organizations (corporations) with the same leadership and membership. The Foundation will be a separate organization (corporation) with separate leadership which will determine their "membership/participants". Likely the foundation will rent the little house to use as a heritage center. Linda disagrees, adding that we cannot call it a Heritage Center or have any displays. Jack clarifies that we can, but the council have to approve anything that goes in, then bring to membership. Jim Papa: Can we still have a foundation? Jack shared that he is not opposed to a foundation but is MUST Not part of the Lodge- it has to be separate (Different board, different trustees etc. Could have own members etc. if separate foundation). The Heritage committee could seek its own legal foundation etc. Brian Andzik clarifies separation, as having a separate tax ID number, however the governing bodies can overlap. David Elmo shared that the house has been an emotional issue. We need clarification on what we are doing. David Elmo makes a Motion to have the powers that be, get together and delineate issues in writing - (Example 1 question - why is this a for profit organization?). / Motion Seconded: Mary Ann Claybourne. Discussion: Pete Petrini asks for clarification. Pete shares this is too big of a motion-needs narrowed with what needs resolved. Jim and Pete continued to discuss. Jack further explains that JP is nonprofit, and Societa is for profit. Brian Andzik adds that we were a Corporation 501 c8 status historically. JP is a subordinate lodge of the GLO, and if we separate- that status would go away. John Pirelli is a corporation Nonprofit. David Elmo will take responsibility to get the questions and take to a lawyer and accountant (with possible fees) Jack- shared we don't have to endure that cost of this, as it has already been done. Charlie Rigano- believes we already have done this. Charlie is willing to discuss further with Jim. Charlie shared there is little confusion and does not feel the motion is needed. Kevin Sorice- in favor of the 501c3- The Moose generates a lot of money, but they have a bar also. Kevin suggests we table this motion for a month- and focus on what we can do now in order to begin to use the house. Jack- we are for the foundation; however, it cannot be managed under same umbrella as JP and Societa / Voted: NO.

<u>Drew Titone and Charlie Rigano</u> have done research and work on a Financial Agreement- (Real Estate form/ agreement) that is needed between Societa and John Pirelli. This is needed because JP pays Societa for use of the facility. We have never had this document before, but it's needed. Thank you Drew and Andre, for working on this document. Legal council will need to review.

World A' Fair – We are out for 2024! – Jack explains that we could not get a rep, due to time commitments. We may be able to participate in 2025-but we'd have to find a representative by then.

<u>WELFARE OF THE ORDER</u> – Open to the floor- Pete Petrini shared a heartfelt tribute to Michael Marcellino, who had passed away earlier this week. Mike Garrambone (Guest)- presented Jack with a binder that included Jack's family history! Kevin Sorice- Mark DaGrossa's mother went into hospice. Kevin also shared that on April 7th- Andrea Bocelli will be at Heritage Bank Center in Cincy. He is suggesting we get a group to go! There is also a plan to present Andrea with an award.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING @ 8:11pm

President: Jack Giambrone Vice President: Gloria Marano Past President: Steve Carusone Orator: Jeff Lacon
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Masters of Ceremony: Dan & Judy Bruno

SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – February 6, 2024

CALL TO ORDER @ 8:11pm.

MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING - No changes or revisions noted. Accept into record- YES.

COMMUNICATIONS - Niki. Yes- Oasis House sent a letter of thanks for the Bocce Classic donation of \$1750.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Charlie shared account balances and expenditures. No money movement noted. Motion to accept report into record by: Maria Napier/Seconded by: Andre Tagliamonte / Discussion: None Voted: YES

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

• Buildings and Grounds: Scott- We have things that need done that don't need organized – pick up sticks (put in dumpster), clean up around bocce court etc. Just stop by on a nice day to pick things up for a few minutes. This can add up and be very helpful! Scott noted that the sign by the road is fixed and LIT UP-Thanks to Greg Sorice for fixing! Scott is still working on asphalt estimates. Maria Diaspro asked about Lodge renovation. Jack will answer:

<u>Small Home – "Thank You" - Mark Warner</u> thanked all of those who donated their time, abilities, talents to the work done on the Heritage House. He noted the construction crew: Architect- Drew Titone, Plumbing- Mark Sullenger, Andre Tagliamonte, Dan and Judy Bruno, Ken Meine, Drew Titone, Mark Sullenger, Scott Davis, John Fantauzzo, Steve Carusone, Kevin Sorice, Steve Torre, Linda Fischbach, John Doepker, and John Caniglia. Steve Carusone thanked Mark Warner for his time, dedication and leadership on this project!

ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Bocce Court repairs, Small Home items, Picnic tables - Jack initially shared an idea to put off voting on items tonight, due to needing more information on some things, the need to prioritize the Lodge's more immediate needs (such as HVAC, fencing, band shelter, Festa needs, roof). Jack wants to be cautious. Questions- Kevin Sorice- Bocce Courts- he thinks that strategically the short-term fix is needed ASAP due to the timing for bocce play to start in the spring. Jack floated an idea that we could do 3 of the 6 courts before Festa if we had to- then the other 3 courts later. Pete Petrini- are we categorizing short vs long term goals? Yes. Jim Papa asked for reason for postponement. Jack reiterated the above- wanting to prioritize the high dollar fixes (Roof-HVAC etc.) Also to get a clearer picture of where we are. Jim Papa if we know roof/ HVAC- numbers- we can vote and proceed now Jack adds that with the larger the amount that is asked, the more discussion needed amongst the membership. Scott Davis and Jack provided a brief explanation of the costs and items needed for the lodge. For approx. \$200,000, we could have the roof, HVAC replaced, bathrooms renovated, new electric etc. With this type of money, Jack wants specific informational packets in the hands of members so everyone is fully aware and productive discussions can be had. Steve Carusone- Do you look at the roof/ hvac/ trusses with the expansion project? Jack- it does compliment the possible expansion- but the renovations mentioned could also stand alone. Andre Tagliamonte stated that based on our budget- the vote is a fraction of the cost, and we need to vote now and not table. Gloria Marano adds that part of the reason for the delay- there are many moving pieces. We want to be thorough, so we don't have to keep coming back to members asking for more or adjusting things. Pete Petrini suggests we vote on the 3 smaller items now, and the larger items later. Andre Tagliamonte motions to vote on bocce, small home, bocce picnic tables tonight, seconded by Mark Warner/ Discussion: 10-minute timed discussion took place as to keep agenda on track. What are the costs? Bocce Courts: \$9000k (hopefully will last 5-7 years). Jack shared this cost includes rolling back carpets, level existing subgrade, adding new if needed, sides, and reinstall carpet. Some member help is needed to replace the pavers. Dan Bruno- does this address the drainage tiles? Scott- no, not in this case. Dan Brunocould the old picnic tables be repurposed for the drainage? Scott- likely no-. Kevin Sorice- will the sink hole b/t courts 3-4 be addressed? Scott- no- but hopefully volunteers will fix this issue. House furnishings (tables, medical kit, chairs) not to exceed \$5380, Picnic Tables not to exceed \$5100. Frank Clement- if we vote tonight, will the courts be done on time? Scott-yes- but maybe not if we wait to vote. Frank Clement asking for folks to vote YES tonight. Jeff Lacon-feels we are voting blindly- too hastily. Steve Carusone- disagrees- this was on the agenda- ask your question to get clarification. / VOTED: YES to vote on items to-

Bocce Courts: Motion by Gloria Marano to spend \$9000 on Bocce Court repairs. / Seconded by Mark Warner Discussion- See above- Voted: YES Heritage House Furnishings: Motion by Frank Macharoni- to spend the requested \$5380.99 on furnishings for the Heritage House / Seconded by: Drew Titone / Discussion: What is going in? 2 8ft collapsable tables, 32 stackable chairs, 6 tables 2ft by 4ft, so you can configure differently, window treatments, mats, storage shed, trash cans, bathroom cabinets etc. Steve Carusone voiced being in favor of spending the money- Steve Bertolo- asked for clarification of the tables. Will this get in the way of heritage displays? Andre Tagliamonte shared that heritage items will be solicited and will ask for approval of items to be displayed. We are just asking for furniture so we can get the house rented ASAP. Jeff Lacon shared the furniture coming from Ashley Furniture at high costs, and we should have furniture in the garage. Andre shared they modified their shopping list – not Ashely items and they could not find any furniture in the garage as Jeff suggests. Jeff shared we don't know what we are voting on at this point and would like to wait. Caitlin Davis: Would like more information on the Heritage House and agrees that spending the \$5380.99 seems too much and should not take precedence over the Lodge critical needs of a roof/ hvac. Michelle Janke shared the Heritage house can be really nice and is excited to get it rent ready. Jack agrees that some finishing touches are needed. Jeff Lacon reminds that only members can rent the Heritage House. VOTE- VERY CLOSE with a voice vote so re-voted by folks standing. VOTE PASSED: YES-50 NO: 41

<u>PICNIC TABLES</u>: Motion by Frank Macharoni to spend \$5100 on new picnic tables for the Bocce area / seconded by Drew Titone: Discussion. Current ones are warped etc. 10 tables needed. VOTED: YES. (1 dissention)

Kitchen Report - John gave updates. Member Don Miceli did some drawings that will be on display during our meals. Kitchen volunteers are needed for Bocce Classic! Oasis House used the Bocce Classic money for a new security system for their house. Thank you all! John thanked Niki for her hard work on the minutes. This Is Your Life Segment: Anthony DeAngelo! John shared fun facts about Tony! Gina Papa donated items (all from Italy- towels, serving dish, wine opener, pasta, olives, Chianti) for this month's Valentine Basket! Thank you, Gina! Kitchen raffle winner: Carole DePasquale! Congratulations. John recalled fond memories of Mary Fares and toasted to her and all members that have passed away.

50/50 Raffle the Torres Family: Winner: Linda Fischbach~ Congratulations! The raffle was worth \$331 total. Linda generously donated her winnings back to the Torres family. Thank you!

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting – February 20, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Next Membership Meeting – March 5, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

CLOSING PRAYER – Anne Beecroft

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 9:24 pm

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Duff– Recording Secretary.

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BOCCE LEAGUES:

Men: The Men's Bocce League Spring meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 12:00pm in the Lodge.

Tentatively, league play will begin on Monday, April 29th.

If you are not currently a member of the League and you are interested in playing this year, please call or email Jim Balsamo at 937-269-4504; balsam5775@aol.com

WOMEN: The Women's Bocce League will have an organization meeting on Thursday, March 7 and 6 pm at the Lodge. New players are always welcome. No experience necessary-we will teach you how to play!

For questions, call or email Julia Hall 937-416-1825; JULIALH49@GMAIL.COM

Get ready, the Bocce Classic is July 19 and 20th!

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Bocce Classic

The Bocce Classic charities donation was presented to Jill Lewis, Director of Development for Hospice of Dayton.. The Bocce Classic 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 La Cucina Manager

