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Happy New Year!

~Don't Forget..MEMBERSHIP DUES~

.... Are Due by January 1st. Membership dues are \$55. We are asking those who can, to add \$5 this year (for a total of \$60). We will allocate \$1 each to the 4 national charities: Doug Flutie Jr Foundation for Autism, Cooley's Anemia, Alzheimer's Association and the Garibaldi Meucci Museum. The 5th dollar will go to funding the State and National scholarships, for a total of \$60. Please drop a check in the mail, making checks out to John Pirelli Lodge #1633 and mail them to: 2625 County Line Road. Kettering OH 45430. Grazie a tutti!

Would like your Italian heritage story preserved via video?

Please sign up at this link <https://calendar.app.google/D9ixu1qSZy2Ya1BY6>

Thank you to Greg Torre and Shaun Power for coordinating this important venture!

Thank you to our new members Anne Lombardo (New Communications Chair) and John Lombardo (New Social Media Chair) for stepping up to volunteer

Check us out on Instagram!

https://www.instagram.com/johnpirelilodge?igsh=MTgxOXBrN2J0NmhvMQ%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

New Member Spotlight~ Don Carone~

My name is Dominico Carone, but everyone calls me Don. I joined the John Pirelli Lodge during the 2025 Fall Festa. I am a son of proud Italians from Bitritto, Italy, about 7 miles west of Bari. My father (Frank) came to the United States in 1936, after he promised a young 14-year-old girl (Grace) he would return to marry her. Life brought challenges and World War 2. In 1946, after the war, dad returned to Bitritto, and fulfilled his 11-year promise and married my mother. They then journeyed to the US. In 1950, dad and my uncle Luigi opened an Italian restaurant in the lower level of our 2-story home. It was appropriately named "Luigi and Frank's Spaghetti House." My dad and uncle became a reliable support group for many Italians in Dayton. On a trip to New York City in 1952, dad found a new and unique food selling on the streets of NYC. Dad thought it would be a complimentary addition to their Italian menu, hence; dad brought Pizza to Dayton. They gave away a lot of free samples, so that Daytonians could become acquainted with pizza. A year later, a young man of Italian descent asked my parents to translate an Italian recipe, as he wanted to open a local Pizza outlet. In 1957, NCR offered my uncle a job, and "Luigi and Frank's Spaghetti House" would be no more. The building today houses a sports bar named "The Fieldhouse."

I joined the Army National Guard days before graduating from Alter High School. After earning my Marketing degree, NCR offered me a programming job. I quickly learned I did not like the solitary life of a programmer. I then accepted a sales position with NCR selling Mainframe Computers and Network Servers, for 15 successful years. I went on to become NCR's Director of US Financial Alliances. I enjoyed a 30-year career with NCR in Sales and Marketing.

I have 2 wonderful sons and 2 grandsons. I am a huge fan of Ohio State Football and University of Dayton Basketball. I enjoy travel, and always relish the sun, surf and sand.

A week prior to the 2025 Fall Festa, I had a chance encounter with a stranger. His "Italian" shirt prompted me to yell out "Hey paisano!" Conversation ensued and "Bocce Ball Tim" sold me on becoming a member of the John Pirelli Lodge.

I joined the lodge to rediscover the rich Italian heritage, culture and the pride we share. After attending several meetings, I discovered that, and more. I found great food, drinks and people that are friendly, warm and welcoming, no strangers, and everyone is comfortable being themselves, ... all pillars of the Italian lifestyle. Wow, this is just like home! I could smell the great Italian food, heard the Italian language and familiar traditions and saw good people that could speak with their hands. I knew then, I was surrounded by family. It is so good to find another sense of HOME.

Grazie per il vostro tempo e l'interesse.
Don Carone



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

1st Tuesday
3rd Tuesday
January 6th
January 20th

Member Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
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Finance Committee Members:

Gloria Marano, Andy Militello, Sharon Smith
Frank Clement & Charlie Rigano

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 caitlin.smith1310@gmail.com or (937) 716-9008.

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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 937-689-4141.

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

JANUARY 2026

Hall Rental Contact Information

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.)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Dec 31st New Years Eve Party @ 7 pm	1 Happy New Year!! Mem- bership Dues Deadline	2	3
4	5	6 Member Meeting @ 7:00 PM (Snack starts at 6:20pm)/	7	8	9	10 Wine dinner rescheduled date? To be confirmed.
11	12	13	14	15 Social Cmt Mtg @ 6:30 PM / Finance Cmt @ Mtg 7pm	16	17
18	19 Cooking Demo @ 6pm	20 Council Meeting @ 6:30pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Scopa Cards @ 6pm

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Business Directory is available to both members and lodge supporters.
John Pirelli Lodge is not responsible for advertiser content.

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AGENDA - GIOVANNI PIRELLI LODGE #1633

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –December 2, 2025, 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00pm Attendance: 84

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

John thanks Kitchen staff for all their hard work.

WELCOME! (State and National Officials in attendance) Jack Giambrone, Andy Militello, Katie Swiger, and Eldora Perfilio.

Holiday Greeting-Rosie and class sang us a holiday song in Italiano! Bravo

- GUESTS? Yes- Sharon Fulcher from Feed the Creek. FIRST TIMERS? None
- STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER - Andy
- OPENING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Lodge Chaplin- Maria Rzecznik
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All Members
- HONOR ITALIAN FLAG – Andy/All Members

“We honor the Italian Flag and its colors: Green is for hope. White is for Peace. And, Red is for the Love we feel in our Hearts for our Italian Heritage.”

Onoriamo la bandiera italiana e i suoi colori: Verde per la Speranza, Bianco per la Pace, e Rosso per l’Amore che portiamo nel cuore per le nostre origini italiane.

• (Please state your name when making comments or motions to the floor - recording purposes) Michelle will walk a mic to you.

• ROLL CALL – Niki. All present except for excused absence of Frank Clement.

• PAST MEETING MINUTES – (Revisions or changes? Accept into record.) No changes recommended- Accepted into record.

• COMMUNICATIONS – Niki. Thank you from Reynolds & Reynolds for our donation.

John Fantauzzo introduces Sharon Fulcher from Feed the Creek. She is here tonight, thanking us for our donation from the Bocce Classic. Sharon explains how Feed the Creek got started. Feed the Creek began 15 years ago and their organization feeds kids on the weekends. They also have food located at the nurse’s stations in school. They discovered the need, as lots of grandparents and great grandparents are raising their grandchildren. Why? Largely due to drug epidemic. These folks are usually not eligible for subsidies or extra help due to owning their homes. Kids were falling through cracks etc. Hunger was impacting test scores, and behavioral issues were observed. Feed the Creek is NOT government supported. All money is from individuals, clubs, churches etc. Results: surveys sent to counselors at school and revealed that test scores were up 35% and attendance has increased. Students are ID’d via a form goes home with all kids, asking if they need the service. Any child can ask for food. Feed the Creek averages helping about three hundred students per weekend. Volunteer cards are on the table for you to help if you are interested! Please see John if you would like to help. Our donation was used to buy their 2 skids of shelf stable milk (their most expensive item). Thank you!

• FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT – Frank absent tonight. Gloria reminds that DUES ARE DUE BY January 1st. Please see Jan and Jim Holbrook tonight (in back of room) to pay or you can pay via mail. Please see Bella Villa emails or Newsletter for address etc.! Thanks all.

• TREASURER’S REPORT - Charlie provided details on all account balances and activity. Motion to accept into record by Julia Hall. Seconded by Mark Pinti. Discussion: None Voted: Yes unanimously.

• MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Sharon and Marisa welcome all new members tonight. Please note that Imember/ Ignite are not ready for you quite yet. Marisa and Sharon will let you know. Marisa encourages anyone interested, to please consider becoming a part of the Membership Committee~ contact Sharon and Marisa if you would like to know more.

-STATE UPDATE – Andy – Nothing to report.

• REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS **Please limit to 5 minutes or less**See TV for details

• Social – Belinda – Thanks to Venita and Jeff Lacon, Vince and Kay Trombino, Don and Rita Chislaghi for decorating the lodge! It looks great. Also, a big thanks to Sharon Smith and Marisa Varney for the Presepio display, which even includes a replica of our lodge! The 50/50 tonight benefits the Salvation Army. Thank you for the canned good donations for Immaculate Conception food pantry~ these will be delivered on Dec 14th. We will continue to collect through the 14th - so please consider bringing food donations to all functions prior to that date. Kids visit with Santa is this Saturday at 1:00pm, White Elephant Sunday Dec 7th at 5pm- please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage. Christmas Wine Dinner is December 13th @ 6:30pm- we are at capacity. If folks have not paid by the 7th, slots may open. Cookie Exchange December 14th from 2-4 pm. Please plan to bring 3 dozen cookies (plus an extra six cookies to enjoy during this time frame), hot choc and coffee will be provided. Another Food Demo will take place on January 19th. Clifton Mill Lights- Short notice, but you are welcome to join us at Clifton Mill on Dec 3rd to see the lights being turned on. Come out- FREE to members- just mention you are with the Lodge. The oldest person from the lodge will have the honor of turning on lights at 5:45pm! New Years Eve gathering will begin @ 7pm ~hosted by Rosie Nickleman and Caitlin Davis. Please bring a dish to pass and your favorite drink – we will also enjoy some games, etc. Please RSVP to Rosie or

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Caitlin. There is also a signup sheet in the back tonight. This event is open to members and a guest (non-members). Scopa Cards January 31st at 6pm- Please bring a dish and a beverage. This event will be hosted by Katie Swiger and Caitlin Davis. All skill levels welcome. Super Bowl watch party on February 8th – More info to come.

Sunshine – Get well cards sent to: Tony D'Angelo, Kevin Sorice and Cathy Colosimo. Sympathy cards sent to: Barbara Zanol on the passing of her husband and long-time member Joe Zanol.

-Heritage – Linda Fischbach welcomes new members. The heritage planning meeting was last night, where ideas for 2026 were discussed. There will be a Valentines Day Party Sat Feb 14th- New members welcome to help plan! The gardening series will be in Spring, where our members will share their expertise in growing different flowers/ herbs/ veggies. We will do the garden club again, to help Maria Rzecznick with the grounds (planting / tending to flowers etc). Dave Ramano suggests we have members do presentations on where their families are from, representing the twenty regions of Italy. Rita Pinti has the Holiday Traditions Book if you would like to purchase one (\$20). The Monthly book club meeting will be Dec 17th at Jimmie's Italian Kitchen. The next book club meeting will be on Jan 20th. Mike Gar-rambone will continue with genealogy work.

Videos-Greg Torre shares about a new project- designed to help preserve our stories/heritage. Greg has reserved space at NBCC- Local public access station in Centerville on the first and third Thursdays monthly from 6- 8pm. Members are welcome to sign up to come tell their stories for videotaping. Shaun Power is helping coordinate. This will take place on the 18th of this month too. We will have a booking site to schedule slot. See the newsletter and Bella Villa Blasts.

- UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS – WSU scholarship update – FUNDS RELEASED! Thank you, Jack for your tireless efforts to achieve this!

- Open to the floor. Eldora Perfilio updates on National. She reports an effort to connect Lodges across the country and in Italy. One effort is to list all festivals in all states. Our Hometown Roots- In the Questa Mese magazine, has a teaser articles about this. You can also set up Italian Language lessons online at a 20% discount (link in Questa Mese). National Scholarships range between \$10,000-15,000 and can go to kids and grandkids of national members. This is a fantastic opportunity, although competitive. State scholarship will begin in January. Gloria adds about the National Day of Giving- If you have room to make a donation, please consider donating for Social Justice, or the UD John Pirelli scholarship fund. Eldora encourages gold members to take the money they would pay for dues and give to charity! Andre Tagliamonte adds that the Spaghetti Meatball Carry Out Dinner will be Dec 4th from 4-7pm. \$13 for spaghetti, three meatballs, salad and bread. His goal is to do this carry out monthly next year. Thank you!

- NEW BUSINESS:

-Open to the floor. None

- WELFARE OF THE ORDER –

Belinda – Orator's Report. None

Andre- Newsletter Sponsors – There will be a new sponsor in January. Please patronize our folks!

Open to the floor. None

- ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING @ 7:56pm /OPEN SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

AGENDA - SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –Dec. 2, 2025

- CALL TO ORDER @ 7:57pm

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

- COMMUNICATIONS – Niki. None

- TREASURER'S REPORT - Charlie provided details on all account balances and activity. Motion to accept into record by Chuck Levin. Seconded by Rosie Nickelman. Discussion: None Voted: Yes unanimously.

- REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- Buildings and Grounds: Scott Davis adds that there is nothing new happening now. Plan to start more projects on March 1st. Scott and committee plan to formulate a plan for member volunteers. He adds that the contractors are finishing stucco touch ups and some painting. Greg Sorice repaired our front sign. Please do not use stakes out by sign! Greg Batistti, Steve Torre, and Mark Warner coordinated getting the pasta cookers fixed. Paving project got started the day after our last meeting. They will return to top seal and re-stripe in early April. Thank you to Steve Torre for putting up insulation on the door close to the stage to help cut down on kitchen noise.

- Lodge rentals-Hickeys/calendar. Charlie shared rentals were the highest paid revenue at \$9k this year! Nothing more to report.

- Kitchen Report – John shared the winner of kitchen raffle bucket tonight is Dan Bruno! Congratulations!

*ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lodge Beautification Program Update-Drew/Scott – See above

Update from Council Meeting 11/18/25 // Greg-Pasta cookers update – cheaper to fix than what we anticipated!

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*Marcus-credit card processing hardware requirements *review member suggestions *approve Christmas dinner subsidy *Lodge beautification status *Financial policy update *sound proofing kitchen area

*** New Business**

open to the floor -Julia Hall highlights the Presepio and thanked Sharon and Marisa for putting this up! They added a little Lodge!

● 50/50 Raffle winner is new member Michelle Sullivan benefitting Salvation Army!
● FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Council Meeting –Dec. 17, 2025 @ 6:30 pm ***note date change** Thank you to all who help decorate the lodge for the holiday!

Next Membership Meeting – January. 6, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

● CLOSING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Lodge Chaplin Maria Rzecznik

● ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 8:15pm Good Evening!

Upcoming Events

New Years Eve Party—Dec 31st at 7pm.

We'll be playing board games, cards, and watching the NYE special on TV!

Scopa January 31st at 6pm.

Katie and Caitlin will teach everyone how to play, no experience needed. Bring your drink of choice and a snack to share. RSVP by emailing Caitlin or signing up at the January meeting.

Light Up the Holidays... by Recycling!

The John Pirelli Lodge is helping Five Rivers MetroParks make the season a little greener by hosting a Christmas Light Recycling Bin! From **Nov. 30 through Jan. 31**, drop off any broken or unwanted holiday lights at the lodge—any time, no appointment needed.

(Bin is located near the dumpster)

Cooking Demo– January 19th at 6pm. Please RSVP to Michelle Jahnke.

February 8th– Super Bowl Watch Party– Details forthcoming.

Christmas with Santa!



Cookie Exchange

HUGE thank you to Chris Sloneker, Carol and Scott Davis for setting up!

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Congratulations to our 50/50 winner— new member Michelle Sullivan!

Would you like to rent the lodge?
<https://johnpirelliosdia.org/our-lodge/bella-villa-hall-rental/>

**Stay tuned....
The Christmas Wine Dinner was cancelled due to inclement weather. This WILL BE rescheduled— Date to be determined.**

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

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La Cucina & CUPA Grazie!

At the December membership meeting, our members enjoyed a variety of small plates, which included Cacio e Pepe, Meatball Sliders, Italian meats and cheese, Veggie Boats, pizza, and Cannoli's and Fritta's for dessert.

Thanks to Luke Sabatino, Tomaso Toskin, Marco Warner, Steve and Debbie Torre, Suzanne Perazzo, Ralph and Diane Conte, Scott Davis, and Don Miceli..

A reminder for the January meeting, we will be serving at 6:20PM. This will include both small plates and dessert. We will stop serving 5 minutes before the start of the meeting.

If anyone wants to donate to the Cucina raffle, just bring it to the next meeting. Your donations are appreciated!

John Fantauzzo
LaCucina Manager