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Benvenuta Primavera!



Save the dates

* **Italian Easter Bread “Hands-On” Workshop**
Wednesday, April 1st at 6:00 pm

Learn how to make authentic Italian Easter Bread!
Contact Michelle Jahnke to sign up (937) 903-7173

* **Fish Fry April 18th @ 6:30pm**: Hosted by Chris Sloneker, Carol & Scott Davis. They will be taking sign-ups at the April meeting. \$35 per person fee must be paid at the time of sign up to reserve your spot.

* **Wine Tasting/Wine School Event**: The event will be held at Sparks Farm on **Sunday, May 3rd at 3pm**. Cost is \$18 per person for members and non-members. Signup and pay at the April membership meeting. Payment must be received prior to the event. Please make checks payable to SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO. Any questions please contact Belinda Ferrara at 937-286-1172.

Traditional Neapolitan Pizza & Focaccia Cooking Class-

Date: Saturday, May 2, 12pm @ the Newark Lodge (607 McKinley Ave. Newark Oh)

Member price \$45 - Non-Member price \$50

Payment for class must be received by Saturday, April 18th to reserve your spot. Check/Check/Venmo accepted.

**For more information – Call Chris Ernest @ 740.258.3458 or
alitanner12@gmail.com**

Seafood Boil- Saturday, June 29th @ 6:30pm \$35 per person and there will be a raffle and door prizes. Plan to come, eat, and stay a while! Sign up ASAP as space is limited.

THE EMPTY BOWL

The Empty Bowl is the primary fundraiser for the House of Bread. It funds the many food services for people in need. We participated in the Empty Bowl, along with 22 local restaurants, by donating soup for the event. The Sicilian Spicy Sausage Lentil Soup is one of the event favorites. This is our 4th year of participating in the event.



Thank you to Jack Giambrone, Mark Warner, Andre Tagliamonte, John Fantauzzo, Scott Davis, and not pictured Steve Bertolo, for volunteering for the event.



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

1st Tuesday
3rd Tuesday
April 7th
April 21st

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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Kathy Fleury..... 937-902-5943
Michelle Jahnke.... 937-903-7173

Libby Balsamo.....937-287-7825
Rita Chislaghi.....937-689-4141
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Jan Holbrook.....937-344-0601.

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 Rzecznik (927- 287-5242).

APRIL 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
			1 Italian Easter Bread making 6pm	2 Italian Language Class @ 6:30pm	3	4
5 Buona Pasqua	6	7 Member Meeting @ 7:00 PM (Small plates starts at 6:15pm)	8	9 Italian Language Class @ 6:30pm	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Italian Language Class @ 6:30pm Social Cmt Mtg @ 6:30 PM	17	18 FISH FRY @ 6:30pm
19	20 Cooking Demo @ 6pm	21 Council Meeting @ 6:30pm	22	23 Women's Bocce Informational meeting @ 6:30p	24	25
26	27 Spaghetti Dinner Carry Out 4-6:30pm	28	29	30		

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AGENDA - GIOVANNI PIRELLI LODGE #1633 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –March 3, 2026, 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00pm

Attendance: 83

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

WELCOME! (State and National Officials in attendance) Andy Militello, Katie Swiger

Thank you Cucina Crew!

- GUESTS? Christopher Baldetti and Gayle Conley- voting into membership tonight. FIRST TIMERS? None
- STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER - Andy
- OPENING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Chaplin: Anne Beecroft
- 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 council members present with exception of Jack Giambrone and Belinda Ferrara (excused absences).
- PAST MEETING MINUTES – (Revisions or changes? Accept into record.) Chris Sloneker will be added as a host to the upcoming Fish Fry. Accepted into record.
 - COMMUNICATIONS – Niki. We received a phone call from Rosemary Starr, thanking us for the card regarding her daughter Maria's passing. Thank you note from Tony D'Angelo's family for the Donation to St. Jude made in his name.
- FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT – Guests escorted out of the room at this time. Frank reports on new applicants.
 - 1) Christopher Baldetti. He is a senior at Fairmont and is Frank Mauro's grandson. Frank Mauro spoke on his behalf.
 - 2) Gayle Conley- Husband Jeff spoke on her behalf.
 - 3) Pamela Piccoli- Jack sponsored her and recommends her.
 - 4) and 5) Janet and James Mazza. Italian on both sides. Discussion/ questions? None All Voted as a group, into membership. Congratulations! Remember to pay your dues today. 48 people have not yet paid. Young adult and junior members, please note that reduced dues have expired.
- TREASURER'S REPORT – Charle shares details on account balances and activity. Motion by Tim Wallace to accept into record. Seconded by Frank Macharoni. Discussion: None Voted YES unanimously.
- MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Sharon and Marisa- none
- STATE and SUPREME LODGE UPDATE – Andy/Jack + Jack's email. Andy shared several state level role changes. \$1000 donation to the Sicily Cyclone relief given (\$500 from a JP donor). John Pirelli lodge represents a large portion of the state lodge numbers.
 - *Italian Towns-magazine. Eldora is collecting information from our members about their Italian roots. Please let Eldora know if you'd like to contribute. Katie Swiger adds this can be stories of 200- 400 words and pictures.
 - *Pittsburgh Pirates-Aug 16th will host an Italian Heritage Day. More information to come.
 - *Columbus Crew-Oct 24th Italian Heritage Day- More to come.
 - *Club Molisani-Wickcliffe Ohio-Sept 25-26 Bus trip to Cleveland. We are invited to join.

March 13th a virtual fund raiser will take place for the Garibaldi Meucci Museum. They are looking for a \$1/ per member or more if you can.

Scholarship deadline is March 16th.

Jack shared the following via email:

Thank you, President Marano and Council. Good morning, Brother and Sisters. This is a recap of events, post, National Convention from August 2025.

On February 20 and 21, 2026, The National Winter Plenary took place virtually from locations across the country with National President, Thomas A. Lupo joining from the National Office in Washington, DC.

The session kicked off with a state of the union report from President Lupo, highlighting his efforts in three key areas: strengthening how the overall organization leads, improved support of Grand Lodges and improving the success of the National Committees.

Next, a series of reports from the executive staff officers including all National Lodge officers and Vice-Presidents. This concluded day one (2/20/26). Day two (2/21/26) began with reports from the 21 National Committees. Each chair presented the progress of each committee along with anticipated goals for the year.

The 2026 Winter Plenary concluded with comments pertaining to “Welfare of The Order” followed by adjournment at approximately 3:30pm. Ohio was well represented! We had our National 3rd Vice-President, Brian Andzik presenting his 6-month review highlighted by the 4 committees he advises. Then our National Orator, Anthony J. Perfilio, Esq., presented an extensive list of items from his work on the National, State and Local levels. Then Ohio Brothers and Sisters answered the call to serve as they chair several committees! Eldora Perfilio chairs The Cultural Committee. Katie Swiger is chair of both Future Of The Order and At-Large Members committees. And Jack Giambrone is the chair of National Membership Commission. All committees are making successful progress to date!

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Executive Director Shayla Kaslte presented maybe the most important data point of the session. National membership is up 4.4%, the largest gain in 26 years! A total membership of 28,877 across the order ending 9/30/25. (the number reported during the National convention was different, this is due to year end reporting cycle).

Anyone interested in reviewing the entire 2026 Winter Plenary Business Book can contact me for a complete copy. Respectfully documented and submitted, Jack J. Giambone.

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

*Social – Jan Holbrook shared the Easter Egg Hunt will be March 29th from 2-4pm. This event is for children and grandchildren of our members and it is a free event!

Signup at the March membership meeting. Contact Venetia Lacon with any questions at 937-572-5910. Wine tasting Sun May 3rd at Sparks Farm \$18 for members and non- members. Seafood Boil Sat June 29th. More info coming.

*Sunshine – Rita -Sympathy cards were sent to Tracey Trombetta on the passing of her mother and to Jim and Libby Balsamo on the passing of Jim's sister Diane Rupp.

Get well cards were sent to Tom Toskin and Marianne Pohlmann.

*Heritage – Linda – Shaun Power and Greg Torre have done an amazing job in starting to video our heritage stories.

Mark Warner shared his experience. There have been 3 interviews so far. We are learning and reformatting as we go to improve. Please continue to sign up. A heritage meeting will take place on March 16 at 6:30pm, encouraging all new members to come and get involved. Thanks to Dave Romano-, who is working on and showcasing the various regions of Italy. Michelle Janke and Cathy Colosimo are hosting an Easter Bread demo on April 1st time TBA and you'll need to sign up. Please see Rita Pinti for the Italian Holiday book for sale. Eldora and Katie contributed. Maria Rzecznik is coordinating flowers on the grounds, however she is recovering from surgery and volunteers are needed to help tend to the grounds. Pat Catugno shared about the March 17th at 2:30pm book club meeting (discussing "The Italians"). On April 21st the book to be discussed will be "The Hitman". Mike Garrabone reports that he'll meet with you by appointment, at your convenience to teach genealogy research. Thanks Mike! Mike highlighted the regional maps they are creating. Two members from other lodges have contacted him for help.

*Spaghetti Dinner-Andre shared the next dinner will be March 26th 4:00- 6:30pm. \$13 spaghetti dinner . ALSO, \$8 sausage and pepper sandwiches. He sold out this past Thursday (60 meals). Andre has started making everything from scratch and he is asking for HELP, by letting him know as early as possible, about your order so he can be prepared.

*Cooking demo-Michelle Jahnke reports the next demo is March 16th at 6pm. \$23 members \$28 for non-members-sign up ASAP! Or mail Cathy Colosimo a check.

*Fish Fry-Chris Sloneker, Carol and Scott Davis are hosting. This will take place on April 18th at 6:30pm and will be 35 per person. There will be a raffle and door prizes. Centerville florist is donating an arrangement along with a wine pairing. Mary Cooney donated one of her cookbooks- signed. They add this is NOT your average fish fry. Menu includes Cod (baked / fried), sausage and peppers, fries, mac and cheese, slaw, fresh veggies and fruit, sherbert, and cut out cookies. Tea, water lemonade, draft beer- (Peroni and another TBA). Please sign up and pay ASAP. There are about 30-35 spots left. You are welcome to stay and play cards, socialize, play bocce etc.

Rinaldo DiSalvo here to share about the Jeff Pedro fundraiser. 5th Annual Jeff Pedro Memorial and Bocce Tournament will be June 6th . This is a 501c3 foundation. Please see the website at jeffpedrofoundation@gmail.com or the Flyer with QR code for details. Recent donations have gone to Shoes for the Shoeless, St. Judes and the Italian Heritage club. Two scholarships (Fairmont and Alter high school students) will be given out also.

Bocce: Caitlin shares about Women's Bocce. We are hoping for a 17th team. There will be an informational meeting Thurs April 23rd at 6:30pm. Several changes will be reviewed to include going to 2 days a week, having electronic scoring etc. Please see Caitlin to sign up for Women's Bocce!

Men's Bocce chair is Angelo Pietroantonio. Please see Angelo if you are interested in Men's Bocce.

Elaine Long shared she will be teaching folks how to play bocce on April 15, and 29th from 12:30 2:30pm. Bocce classic reminder-July 17 & 18. More information coming.

● UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS –

* imember update: Sharon Smith updates that all active members are in IMEMBER. YAY! If you have not already, please update your profile to include your picture and emergency contact etc. If you are having trouble logging in or need help, please see Sharon and Marisa for help! We are trying to move to Imember for many things. Instructions in imember under SUPPORT on how to get picture correct and will be included in the next newsletter.

● Open to the floor.

● NEW BUSINESS: -Open to the floor.

Mark Warner asks if we are starting a 501c3? Yes, we are in the process, as we have to do this to be able to distribute the WSU scholarship money. Gloria adds this is a 6- 18 month process. Mark asks why we couldn't do this before for the little house vs now? This will be under John Pirelli, and again, is the only way for us to distribute the WSU scholarship money that Jack was able to coordinate getting back. Mark asks if we do this, can it be broad enough to cover the little house? We are looking into this, still in the initial stages. We'll keep you posted.

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WELFARE OF THE ORDER

– Belinda – Orator’s Report. NONE

FYI the Italian Language class is currently FULL.

Andre- Newsletter Sponsors Open to the floor. Please don’t forget to patronize our sponsors!

● ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING @ 8:02pm. /OPEN SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO AGENDA - SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –March 3, 2026

- **CALL TO ORDER @ 8:02pm**
- **MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING** – changes or revisions? None-Accept into record. Yes
- **COMMUNICATIONS** – Niki. None
- **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Charlie shared details of all account balances and activity. Motion by Pete Petrini to enter into record. Seconded by Cathy Colosimo Discussion: None- Voted YES unanimously. Charlie reminds all new members that our financial numbers are for us ONLY, please don’t share with folks outside of our membership. Charlie invites all to the next Council meeting, March 17 from 6- 6:30pm for a 2025 financial review.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- **Buildings and Grounds:** Scott D. /Drew- Scott shared that if you’d like to help, please feel free to walk the grounds and pick up sticks and any trash that you see. Please take to edge of woods if large or if small enough, place near the dumpsters. Likely going to have a work party at the beginning of April- more to come.
- **Lodge rentals-Hickeys/calendar.** Laurie shared that forms are updated to include lodge events (that are not a rental). If you don’t get an email response from the Hickeys within 24-48 hours, please reach out again- some emails are going to their spam folder. Let them know ASAP if you have an event that is needed on the calendar.
- **Kitchen Report** – John thanks Steve Torre for help with a recent plumbing situation. John reminds that if you rent or use the lodge- please don’t forget to leave the lodge in good shape. Please have all 15 tables set up when you leave, vacuum, Swiffer the floor, clean tables, chairs up, close the doors etc. Want to leave lodge in good shape for the next people. Kitchen raffle winner is Liz Benitez! Congratulations!

***ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Update from Council Meeting 2/17/26

- Recap from John F regarding 2025 meal expenses.// Financial recap to happen directly before the March 17th counsel meeting from 6- 6:30pm.// Cash flow// Approved Easter Party funding// Cyclone relief// Exploring 501c3 foundation // Alarms/ Security// Rumpke-will revisit in July;// Andre to look into utility expenses // Steve- Need/ inventory tables.

* New Business to open to the floor – Vince Trombino- AED is making noise and needs a new battery ASAP. Charlie adds if you are running an event where you have to collect or pay-PLEASE make checks out to Societa, not JP.

- 50/50 Raffle winner, benefitting Care House (they work with children’s hospital, interviewing children around abuse). Carol Davis!

Door Prize tonight are Stan Palmere and Brian Lowery.

● FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting –March 17, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

Next Membership Meeting – April 7, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

- **CLOSING PRAYER** – Our John Pirelli Chaplin – Anne Beecroft

● **ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 8:25pm . Good Evening!**

Respectfully submitted

Nicole Duff

Recording Secretary.

We want to hear YOUR story!
Please sign up at this link
<https://calendar.app.google/D9ixu1qSZy2Ya1BY6>
To be interviewed and recorded, as part of our efforts to preserve our heritage!

Thanks again to Shaun Power and Greg Torre.



Save the upcoming cookie baking dates!

May: 17th
June: 7th, 14th, 28th
July: 12th, 26th
August: 2nd, 9th, 16th*, 23rd, 29th (Sat), and 30th

Katie Swiger–
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Spaghetti Dinner Carry Out!

April 27th from 4:00– 6:30pm. \$13 for a pasta meal with **HOMEMADE** meatballs, bread and salad. **NEWLY ADDED \$8 sausage and peppers sandwiches. Sign up EARLY or call Andre Tagliamonte @ 937-477-6716 or Andre@tcgwork.com**

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La Cucina & CUPA Grazie!

At the March membership meeting our members enjoyed a variety of small plates, which included our featured dish Fettuccini Alfredo. This was created by Alfredo DiLelio in 1914 in Rome, and is still being served in his restaurant, Alfredo alla Scrofa. We used his original recipe. Also served was Wedding Soup, Italian meats and cheese sliders, Caprese Sliders, a variety of pizzas, Pesto Penne, homemade pizza rolls, and Cannoli's and Ice Cream for dessert. Thanks to Luke Sabatino, Tomaso Toskin, Marco Warner, Scott Davis, Andre Tagliamonte, Steve Torre, and Don Miceli for their help in preparing and serving our members.

A reminder for the April meeting, we will be serving at 6:15PM. 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!

Grazie,
John Fantauzzo
Cucina Manager