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## Ciao Maggio!

### Save the dates

**Annual Memorial Service: May 27th at 6:30pm. All are welcome to remember those lodge members who have passed away in the last year.**

**June 2nd- New member initiation will take place during the June membership meeting.**

**June 10th at 6:30pm: New member orientation**

**Seafood Boil– Saturday June 27th.**

**The cost for this event is \$37 for members and \$39 Non-member. Water and non-acholic beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring other beverages of choice! You may signup and pay at the May and June membership meetings. Any questions please contact Belinda Ferrara at 937-286-1172. Signups accepted through June 20th.**

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### **OSDIA new website launch!**

OSDIA is proud to announce the launch of its newly redesigned national website. The updated platform offers a more modern look, improved navigation, and enhanced access to news, events, and member resources. This new digital experience reflects the Order's ongoing commitment to growth, connectivity, and engaging the next generation, while continuing to honor our rich Italian heritage.

**Bocce season has begun. Women play Tuesday & Thursdays beginning at 6:30pm.**

**Men play Monday & Wednesdays beginning @ 6:30pm. Good luck all!**

### **It's time again for FESTA COOKIE BAKING!**

Please plan to join us

May: 17th

June: 7th, 14th, 28th

July: 12th, 26th

August: 2nd, 9th, 16th\*, 23rd, 29th (Sat), and 30th

Katie Swiger– [katie.n.swiger@gmail.com](mailto:katie.n.swiger@gmail.com)



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

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

Member Meeting @ 7:00 pm  
Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm  
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Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm

**Finance Committee Members:**

Gloria Marano, Andy Militello, Sharon Smith  
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**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 [caitlin.smith1310@gmail.com](mailto: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 Rzecznik (927- 287-5242).**

**Hall Rental Contact Information**

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

# MAY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Pizza/ Focaccia ciass- @ 12pm- Newark lodge
3 Sparks Wine Tasting	4 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	5 Member Meeting @ 7:00 PM  (Small plates starts at 6:15pm)	6 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	7 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	8	9
10	11 Heritage Cmt Mtg @ 6:30pm// Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	12 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	13 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	14 Social Cmt Mtg @ 6:30 PM  Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	15	16
17 Cookie Baking @ 10am	18 Cooking Demo @ 6pm	19 Council Meeting @ 6:30pm/	20	21 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	22	23
24	25 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	26 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	27 Memorial Service 6:30pm// Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	28 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	29 Spaghetti Dinner Carry Out. 4- 6:30pm.	30
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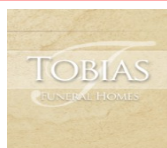



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AGENDA - GIOVANNI PIRELLI LODGE #1633 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –April 7th, 2026, 7:00pm  
CALL TO ORDER @ 6:58pm Attendance: 102

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

WELCOME! (State and National Officials in attendance) Fred Ferrara, Jim Balsamo, Andy Militello

John: Thank you Cucina Crew!

- GUESTS? Ann Gross, Molly McKenna w/ Greenmont Oak Park- Ascension Church. FIRST TIMERS? None
- STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER - Andy
- OPENING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli 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 council members were present except Tim Pedro and Jack Giambrone (excused).

Guests: Ann Gross and Molly McKenna. John reports these ladies are here, representing one of the three charities for the Bocce Classic. The three are Shoes for the Shoeless, Feed the Creek and Ascension Church Greenmont Oak Park Food Bank. Ann and Molly thank us for the donation. They were able to double donation at Meijer’s to \$6,000. They serving the Kettering area, approximately 70-80 families monthly. They also provide baskets at Christmas/ Holiday time.

Elaine Long reminds that the people of the LODGE, make the classic a success and our ability to pay it forward! Bocce Classic is July 17 & 18.

- PAST MEETING MINUTES – (Revisions or changes? Accept into record.) None- Accepted into record.
  - COMMUNICATIONS – Niki. None
  - FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT – Frank reports on new applicants. We currently have 519 members. 104 Gold Members. We have one applicant, Anthony Donofrio, who is sponsored by John Taglia. No discussion- Unanimous vote of YES into membership.
  - TREASURER’S REPORT – Charle shares details on account balances and activity. Motion by Fred Ferrara to accept into record. Seconded by Jim Balsamo. Discussion: None Voted YES unanimously.
  - MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Sharon and Marisa share that they will hold the Annual Memorial Service on Wednesday May 27th at 6:30pm, honoring our members that have passed away during the last year. All are welcome. New member initiation will take place during the June membership meeting. New member orientation will be June 10th at 6:30pm Please don’t forget to fill out the member survey in lmember, that was sent out or use the QR code on your table. While in lmember- please check your profile and update, especially with an emergency contact number.
- STATE and SUPREME LODGE UPDATE – Andy- No updates.

- REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS \*\* Please limit to 5 minutes or less \*\*See TV for details
- \*Social- Tonight’s 50/50 benefitting Violence Free Futures. This program offers a 24 hr crisis help line, counseling, Domestic Violence Emergency Response Team Program healthy homes, safe housing, safe house for pets, and a Certified Rape Crisis Center.

Wine tasting Sun May 3rd at 3pm at Sparks Farm. \$18 for members and non- members. Tonight is last night to sign up. This event will have light appetizers, is casual and will have wine and olive oil for sale. Seafood Boil Sat June 29th. More info coming in the Bella Villa news emails. Sign up at next two meetings.

\*Sunshine – Rita -A get well card was sent to Tim Pedro. Sympathy cards were sent to Nancy and Mike Gazzo on the passing of Nancy’s sister Rose and to Vicki and Jack Giambrone on the passing of his Mother.

\*Heritage – Linda welcomes new members. Heritage Meetings will take place on April 13 at 6:30pm and May 11th at 6:30pm. We are starting a Garden Club and all help is needed. Please contact Sharon Smith if interested. Italian Garden is being planted and needs tended to. The heritage committee will be helping with the Memorial Service also. The June Membership Meeting, which is the Festa Della Rebugliata, will have special food and a small presentation. There will be a lot of events in October for Italian Heritage Month. Pat Catugno shared the next book club will be April 21st at 2:30pm and will discuss “The Last Hitman.” Please join us! Mike Garrabone shares he’ll be at the Little House Saturday 10am-2pm for a Genealogy meeting. He will also hold time on Friday, April 17th from 2-4pm. Mike shared there are regional maps of Molise on the table. Mark Warner adds there are 2 interviews posted (Mark Pinti and Linda Fischbach) on the website or YouTube. Gregg Torre is doing Production work and Shaun Power is interviewing. GREAT WORK!

\*Spaghetti Dinner-Andre shared the next dinner will be Monday April 27th 4- 6:30pm. \$13 for the spaghetti dinner, and \$8 sausage and pepper sandwiches. Please let him know as early as possible about your order so he can be prepared. Folks requested Rigatoni or Spaghetti this time. Don Carone asked if we will consider allowing people to eat here vs carry out only? Right now, we plan to keep it carry out but will consider for future. You are welcome to eat outside at the picnic tables if you want. Last time, Andre sold 42 dinners and 16 sausage sandwiches

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Fred suggested people can pick up food and eat outside at the picnic tables or pavilion.

\*Cooking demo-Michelle Jahnke reports the next demo is April 20th. May is the last demo, then will restart in October. Cathy Colosimo is the contact person. Menu for April will be stuffed artichokes, caprese skewers, chicken piccata, egg soup, and ricotta pie. \$23 members and \$28 nonmembers. Please sign up ASAP. Volunteers to help with this demo are NEEDED! Please contact Cathy or Michelle if you are interested in helping.

\*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. 2 tables are left, so room is dwindling. There will be a raffle and door prizes. Money from this is going back into the club. A live auction also will take place. Please sign up and pay ASAP. You are welcome to stay and play cards, socialize, play bocce etc.

Ladies Bocce- Caitlin shares there is an Informational Thursday April 23rd, at 6:30pm. The first day of bocce play will be Thurs May 7th.

Men's Bocce- Jim shares that men's play is starting April 20th. We have 18 teams and looking forward to playing! Elaine Long shares about the Bocce Classic. She has flyers for the event and registration are IN. You can sign up and PAY on line now. Thank you, Marcus Levin for setting this up! Marcus demonstrated. Elaine is helping teach bocce- on April 15, 22 and 29 from 12:30pm – 2:30pm. If you can help demonstrate/ teach, Elaine would love the help. Bill Daniels is donating pizza for the first day of class! Thanks!

Phil Levin- Special Olympics Bocce Tournament. We are hosting the 38th year. This event is for young adults/ and teens. They will play between 2- 14 games. Get points to go toward special the Olympics and we usually have about 20 participants. 15-20 lodge member volunteers are needed. Please consider helping. Event is on Sat May 16th from 8:30am – 11:30am. You receive a free really COOL t-shirt if you volunteer. Additionally, the Troy Development Center has a portable bocce set and wanted us to come teach them how to play. Charlie and Phil helped them out! Thanks!

- UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS – None

- Open to the floor. None

- NEW BUSINESS: -Open to the floor. None

- WELFARE OF THE ORDER

– Belinda – Orator's Report. NONE

Andre- Newsletter- Nothing.

\* Gloria reports that for the Garibaldi Meucci museum, John Pirelli lodge members donated most in the state! Gloria reminds that tomorrow is One day- One Dayton- You can make a donation directly to the JP scholarship fund at UD! You can support UD and our scholarship at same time!

- ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING @ 7:52pm. /OPEN SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO AGENDA - SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –March 3, 2026

- CALL TO ORDER @ 7:52pm

- 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. Charlie reports that our tax returns (Societa) have been completed by our accountants Brixey & Meyer. Gloria and Charlie reviewed the returns before our accountants submitted. The returns showed we will pay no Federal taxes for 2025. Pete Petrini asked if cost of the roof was included? No, since the roof and building invoice was not presented and paid until 2026. Don Carone asked if John Pirelli has to also file a tax return? Yes- a Form 990 but since John Pirelli is a 501c8, we do not pay taxes.. Motion by Andy Militello, to enter into record. Seconded by Tim Wallace. Discussion: None- Voted YES unanimously.

- REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- Buildings and Grounds: Scott Davis reports Elaine and Stan picked up sticks on the grounds recently, prior to the mowers. Thank you! Thank you to whomever moved the bricks and blocks. Drew sprayed around all bocce courts and playground. Thank you to Maria Rzcznik and Maria Doepker for heading up flower planting. See Maria Doepker if you are interested in helping. This is different from the vegetable garden but you are welcome to help with both! Drew reports we are in the planning stage for restroom upgrades in an efficient and cost effective way. Bocce Court improvements in discussion also. Are there "clean up days" planned? Nothing formal. If you want to come and help spread mulch, weeding behind the Little House, front of lodge and down by sign, that would be great. Please coordinate with Scott if you are interested.

- Lodge rentals-Hickeys/calendar. None

- Kitchen Report – Kitchen Raffle winner is Leo Anticoli!

Communication and social media chairs, Anne and John Lombardo formally introduced!

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### ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update from Council Meeting : Caroline Comer, Joanna Lenefonte-Victory Project bocce event// Phil Levin-Special Olympics bocce event/// Linda Fischbach, Dave Romano-Heritage survey////final push for membership renewals/// upcoming membership events-memorial, initiation & orientation//// recap investment/market fluctuations//// Rumpke – pushed to July//// Andre to look into utility expenses///// updated maintenance/repair list

lpad/square to collect payments by credit card

● 50/50 Raffle winner is Rita Pinti!

Fish Fry door prize winners are Len Catugno

Fish Fry Raffle winner is- Tina Wingate!

● FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting – April 21 at 6:30p

Next Membership Meeting – May 5th 7pm.

● CLOSING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Chaplin – Maria Rzecznik

● ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 8:18 pm . Good Evening!

Respectfully submitted

Nicole Duff

Recording Secretary.

## BOCCE CLASSIC July 17 & 18

The gauntlet has been thrown. The 2025 Bocce Classic Champions, The Four Marksmen, have challenged the at large 31 teams, to play their best bocce and wrest the title from them. The Bocce Classic tournament will be held Friday and Saturday, July 17, 18, 2026, beginning on Friday at 5:00 with a complimentary pasta dinner. Entry fee is \$260 per team payable by check or credit card. First prize is \$1000. Food and beverages will be available for purchase Friday night and all day Saturday. The Bocce Classic committee will welcome donation items for raffle baskets.

The July Bocce Classic always has raffle baskets for local charities. Please consider donating a basket or items for baskets. Here are some suggestions: Contact Julia Hall to donate, 937-416-1825

Bocce Classic baskets (proceeds go to charities)

Wine and Cheese Basket: wine, cheese and bread;

Margarita Basket: items with a Mexican theme, margarita mix, snacks, margarita glasses

Charcuterie Basket

Coffee/Tea Survivors Basket: Coffee, Teas and snacks to go with coffee or tea, such as biscotti, shortbread...

Dragons' Basket

Reels (Movie) at Home Basket : (popcorn, special sodas or drinks, snacks, nuts,beer, gift certificate for Nuts.com;

Dying for Chocolate Basket

Snack Attack Basket: snacks of all kind

Italian Night (pasta, sauce, cheese, wine, gift card to an Italian restaurant)Lottery Tree: lottery ticketsgift certificates for any restaurant or any activity, (Escape Room, Off Par,) to add to baskets

**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.**



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**50/50 winner is Rita Pinti, benefiting Violence Free Futures. Congratulations!**

Heritage Committee meetings scheduled for May 11 at 6:30 pm in the small house. Plans regarding the Garden Club and Summer/Fall heritage events will be finalized. For more information, please contact Linda Fischbach 937 305-6032.

**Spaghetti Dinner Carry Out!**

**Friday May 29th 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 April membership meeting our members enjoyed a variety of small plates, which included Eggs in Purgatory, Penne with Feta Sauce, Italian meats and cheese sliders, Antipasto sliders, a variety of pizzas, homemade pizza rolls, and Cannoli's and Ice Cream for dessert.

Thanks to Luke Sabatino, Marco Warner, Scott Davis, Andre Tagliamonte, Steve Torre, Pasquela Cristiano, Suzanne Perazzo and Ralph and Diane Conte for their help in preparing and serving our members.

A reminder for the May 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!

**Congratulations to Leo Anticoli for winning the Kitchen raffle!**

**Grazie,  
John Fantauzzo  
Cucina Manager**