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~Ferragosto~

Ferragosto is a major Italian national holiday celebrated on August 15th that marks the peak of the summer vacation season. Combining ancient Roman roots, the Catholic Feast of the Assumption of Mary, and modern leisure culture, it is traditionally spent escaping the summer heat with barbecues, beach trips, and fireworks.

History and Origins

Ancient Rome: The name derives from Feriae Augusti, a festival established by Emperor Augustus in 18 B.C. to honor himself and give the agricultural workers a well-deserved rest after the hard harvest.

Catholic Tradition: The date also coincides with the Assumption of Mary, which was adopted by the Catholic Church as a major holy day of obligation.

Modern Leisure: In the 1920s, Benito Mussolini popularized the idea of mass summer travel by creating discounted "holiday trains," which cemented the tradition of packing feasts and traveling to the coasts or mountains.



The 49th Annual ITALIAN FALL FESTA;

September 11, 12 and 13.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please contact a Booth Chair and sign up for a work shift and also help with the Festa set-up and clean-up.

Festa Set-up is on Saturday August 29 and September 5, 9:00am - 12:00pm; continues on Tuesday September 8 - Thursday September 10, 9:00am- 8:00pm and on Festa Friday, 9:00am - 6:00pm

Festa Clean-up is on Monday September 14,
9:00am-4:00pm



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

1st Tuesday
3rd Tuesday
August 4th
August 18th

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 Rzecznik (927- 287-5242).

AUGUST 2026

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Kids Bocce @ 2pm // Cookie baking @ 10am	3 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	4 Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm // Small pates start at 6:15pm.	5 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	6 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	7	8
9 Cookie baking @ 10am	10 Social Cmt Mtg @ 6:30pm // Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	11 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	12 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	13 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	14	15 Care House Bocce Event @ 7:30am/ Ferragosto!
16 Cookie baking @ 10am	17 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	18 Council Meeting @ 6:30pm	19 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	20 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	21	22
23 Cookie Baking @ 10am	24 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	25 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	26 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	27 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	28	29 Festa set up @ 9am// Cookie- Pizzelles baking @ 10am
30 Cookie Baking @ 10am	31					

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AGENDA - GIOVANNI PIRELLI LODGE #1633

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –July 7, 2026, 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:01pm

Attendance: 75

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

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

Thank you Cucina Crew! Working in 98 degree kitchen!

- GUESTS Francis Draconia, William Stahl and Meredith Schock. FIRST TIMERS- yes, welcome Chris Emmerich
- STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER - Andy
- OPENING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Chaplin
- 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 with exception of excused absence of Jack Giambrone.
- PAST MEETING MINUTES – Accepted into record.
- COMMUNICATIONS – Niki. None
- FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT – Frank shared information about 5 new applicants. Vincent and Cynthia Toscana (sponsored by Willie Hickey), Darrin Kall (sponsored by Mike Garrambone), Meredith Schock (sponsored by Anthony Schock), Jennifer Warren and Angie McGrew (reinstatements and daughters of the Baldasare's). Census is approximately 520– specific number is forthcoming. All voted YES into membership
- TREASURER'S REPORT - Charlie shares details on all account activity and balances on both John Pirelli and Societa (guests were out of the room during this portion of the meeting) . Motion to accept John Pirelli report into record by Jim Balsamo. Seconded by Pete Petrini. Discussion: None Voted YES unanimously. Motion to accept Societa report into record by Anne Beecroft. Seconded by Erica Hall. Discussion: None. Voted YES unanimously
- MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Sharon and Marisa express thanks to Anne Lombardo and Michaela Miller for help with the survey. We have "business style" recruitment cards available! Benefits of the club are listed on the back of the card, along with a place for your contact information. Gloria reminds that you can do recruitment via lmember too! Anyone needing help to log into lmember, please see Marisa or Sharon tonight after the meeting for assistance!
- STATE and SUPREME LODGE UPDATE – Andy- None
- REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS **Please limit to 5 minutes or less**See TV for details

*Sunshine – Rita sent a get-well card was sent to Maria Rzecznik. Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Rosemary Starr and Mary Ann Toney.

*Heritage -Linda-Welcome new members! The heritage committee is looking for more people to help. October is Italian heritage month. This starts in September with the Holiday at home parade (on Labor Day). You are welcome to participate and feel free to bring your kids and grandkids! October 3rd will be the Blessing of Animals, which includes a certificate. Pat Catugno will be helping with this event. Please sign up to help. October 10th is a Columbus Day Celebration Dinner/ Dance. New member, Jake Bontatibus, has volunteered to help lead this activity. October 24th- will be the Heritage Tea. Carmela Swiger will help lead this event. Dave Ramano, a newer member, wants to start doing presentations on the twenty regions of Italy. Sign up to share about your area. More information to come. Shaun Power and Greg Torre continue their video recording of lodge members stories about their Italian heritage. Shaun shared his personal lodge recruitment efforts and encouraged us all to do the same. The heritage stories help to get the message out to the community via technology (Facebook etc). Please share and repost! 6 interviews are completed and three more to come! Please sign up to be interviewed ! Stanley Palmere is next! Please keep Mike Garrambone in your thoughts/ prayers, as he recovers from a recent illness. He'll be available Saturday, July 11th from 10am -12pm and Saturday, July 25th from 10am-12pm at the Fairborn Family History Center, for genealogy help. The Book Club also continues to meet. Open to the floor.

• NEW BUSINESS: Terri Baldasare shares that on August 15th at 8:00am, there will be a Bocce Tournament benefiting The CARE House facility provides a child-centered atmosphere for community partners to come together and serve these families. The layout and design of the building help put children and families at ease during their visit. The bright colors, natural sunlight, nature –themed rooms and children's activities give children a sense that this is a good, safe place for them during a very scary time. The CARE in CARE House stands for Collaboration, Advocacy, Response and Education. It is by these four pillars that CARE House operates. 100% of the funds raised go to Care House. Volunteers are needed from 10:30am- 1:30pm in the kitchen. Also, beginning at 6am for tent / table set up. Please let Terri know ASAP if you can help. She can be reached at baldasarejt@gmail.com.

* Open to the floor.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER –

Belinda – Orator's Report. None

Andre- Newsletter Sponsors - None

Member Shout Outs: Thank you Cucina Crew! Thank you to Mark Warner for helping with several things recently (air conditioning, thermostat replacement and the parking lot sealing/ striping). Andre Tagliamonte thanks the grounds crew - looks great and the all who coordinated the parking lot maintenance.

Open to the floor

Please keep Tim Wallace in your prayers and thoughts, as he recovers from a recent injury. Also, please send thoughts and prayers to Mark Swiger, Katie's dad, on his recent hip replacement surgery.

• ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING @ 7:41pm /OPEN SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

AGENDA - SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –July 7 , 2026

• CALL TO ORDER @ 7:42pm

• MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING – No changes or revisions. Accepted into record.

• COMMUNICATIONS – Niki. None

• TREASURER'S REPORT – Charlie shares details of all account activity and balances. See JP minutes above.

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

Buildings and Grounds: Scott D. /Drew Titone- Thanks to those who helped plant flowers etc. Mark shared parking lot updates. The contract from last fall was to have the lot sealed/ restriped this year, and this was completed this week. Hopefully this will last us another 15-20 years. Today, there was a snafu with HVAC system. We are trying to troubleshoot, and this has so far been unsuccessful. Now, we are trying to investigate the next best option (s). Maybe a split unit? New HVAC unit? Door issues discussed. Thermostat has been replaced in the kitchen. Thanks Marisa and Tom for donating the thermostat and to Mark and Drew for the installation.

Lodge rentals-Hickeys/calendar- PLEASE NOTE THE Victory Project event has been CANCELLED. Please check out the online calendar for availability.

Social-Belinda- no 50/50 tonight. Instead, the bocce classic raffle baskets were on site for people to buy tickets. Kids Bocce is a new event! We will play on Sundays July 12, 19, 26 and August 2nd from 2pm -4pm. Kids, grandkids, and their friends are welcome! This is FREE and parents need to remain on site during play time. Sign up tonight with Jan Hollbrook. Details on additional upcoming events will be shared SOON. Thanks for the Seafood Boil- it was a wonderful time!

Bocce Leagues-Caitlin shares the women's group is doing great! Debocery is in first place! Fall Bocce will start September 18th. This is a social gathering on Friday nights, it is co-ed and kids are welcome. There will be random team draw. Just show up at 6:30pm. BYBO! This is fun and a wonderful way to meet new people.

Angelo- No report

Bocce Classic-Elaine Long shared the classic is NEXT WEEKEND. July 17 & 18. We have prizes, with a \$1000 grand prize! Team signups are FULL! Tim Pedro oversees drinks and is asking for volunteers! They are 3-hour shifts starting at 9am. We need 2 people to serve drinks and one to collect money (money collector must be a member). Someone may also need to make ice run(s). Please let Tim know ASAP if you can help! Tim adds the Jeff Pedro bocce tournament went well and thanks to all! Food for the classic include hamburgers, sausage/ peppers, Muffaletta, watermelon, and breakfast. There will be a pasta dinner on Friday night also! Volunteers needed classic, especially to help with the trash. All raffle baskets here tonight for display and buying tickets! The Bocce Night Out is a Bid item. You and twenty-three of your friends can have access to the lodge, enjoy pasta, salad, dessert and bread, then play bocce. Starting bid is \$200 w/ \$50 jumps.

Festa-Jim shares there is a Booth Chair mtg 7/14 at 7 pm. Festa yard signs are here tonight, please take one!! The 49th annual fall festa dates are September 11, 12, 13. Set up begins on August 29th at 9am - 12pm , Sat Sep 5th 9am-12pm. Then every day after Labor Day starting at 9am- until whenever. A Booth Chair list has been coming with the newsletter. Please review, reach out to the chair and sign up (several shifts ☐). Mark Pinti needs help in the cultural/ heritage booth. Elaine needs help with the Friday lunches and inside dining room! You help make the Festa successful! Monday Sept 14th at 9am- put away! Chuck Levin, thank you for coordinating Lexis Nexis volunteers to help with clean up.

Katie Swiger shared that we have made 6300 cookies thus far. Thank you all for helping. Our goal is to make 15,000. We are having a "Pop up" cookie day this Thursday. We'll be making Almond Crescent Cookies this Sunday. Thank you to co- chair Caitlin Davis(heading Cannoli)! Katie is heading the cookie portion of the dessert booth. Please sign up to help in these specific areas.

Kitchen Report – Steve Torre and Tom Toscan help draw a name for Basil plant give aways! Plants went to Crystal Frasca, Frank Clement, Bill Serra, John Caniglia! Congrats a tutti!

ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update from Council Meeting 6/16/26:

Imember reconciliation with membership roster

*Still waiting our tax refund

*Groundhog situation

*Various maintenance issues: a/c filter cleaning, thermostat update, gas grill valves, sprayer pump, ovens

trash/recycling dumpsters- Reminder to empty liquids before putting them in recycling bins. No one is specifically assigned to empty these, so please help empty them if you see they are full. Thank you!

* Utility update

*Bocce Classic update

*Fundraising Committee/ideas

* New Business

o open to the floor- Marisa shares that if you want basil- please stop by the garden tonight to snip off a bit from the top and take with you.

Please leave chairs DOWN tonight.

• FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Council Meeting –July 21, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

Next Membership Meeting – Aug. 4, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

• CLOSING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Chaplin Anne Beecroft

• ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 8:16pm Good Evening!

Respectfully submitted

Nicole Duff

Recording Secretary.

We are on the HOME STRETCH!

We need you now more than ever to help with FESTA COOKIE BAKING

Please plan to join us

August: 2nd, 9th, 16th*, 23rd, 29th (Sat– we are making Pizzelles this date), and 30th

Katie Swiger– katie.n.swiger@gmail.com

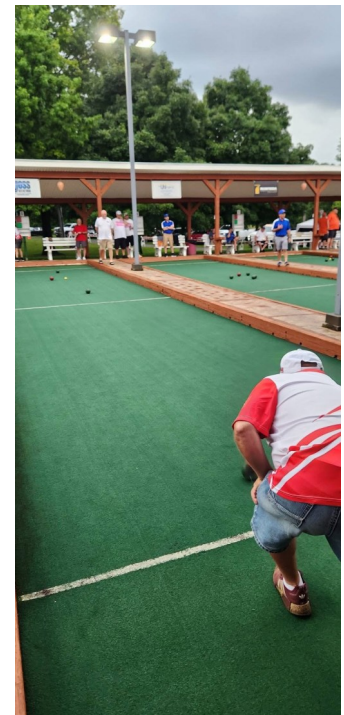


Honoring the life of Salvatore “Sam” Dalessandro

Salvatore “Sam” Dalessandro, 93, of Xenia, passed away Saturday, July 11, 2026, at [Ohio's Hospice](#) of Dayton. He was born on November 24, 1932 to Nicola & Beatrice (Boyce) Dalessandro in Orrville, Ohio. He was one of four brothers- Thomas and Edward of Orrville, and Richard (deceased), married to Allene M. Bender on May 27, 1955 until her death in 1997, and to his second wife Jean Stiffler-Rosenfeld whom he married on Feb. 27, 1999, who passed on May 8, 2018. . Sam and Allene have four children: Catherine (John) Ransom, Barbara (Tim) Seiter, Sam (Donna) Dalessandro, and Jane (Bill) Wynn. Four grandchildren: Doug Pund, Nikki Bayless, Josh (Megan) Moore and Maria (Brandon) Corrales. Seven great-grandchildren: Erin Bayless and Emily Flint, Connor Pund and Carson Pund, and Charlotte Moore, Theodosia Moore, and Mickela Moore. A great-great-grandson, Jacob Brown. He graduated from Orrville High School in 1950, served in the United States Air Force from 1952-1956 in the Strategic Air Command Special Weapons. He worked for the Air Force and DLA from 1956- 1987 at Shelby AFD, Gentile AFD, DESC and Hdq. AFMC, WPAFB, Ohio. He was a member of a special-task group- the AFMAG at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. from February 1983 to October 1983 and retired as Deputy Director of Strategic Forces at WPAFB, Ohio in 1987. Sam was awarded the Department of Air Force Meritorious Civilian Award in 1987. After retirement, he worked as a consultant for LOGTEC and DSTI at WPAFB from 1988 until 1999. Sam was a faithful member of the Knights of Columbus for nearly 70 years. He served as Grand Knight of the Xenia Knights of Columbus and held many offices for Council 1801. He is a member of the 4th Degree Monsignor Buckley Assembly, and was District Deputy for four years. As an active member of St. Brigid Catholic Church. Sam was on the first Parish Council, president of the Parents Club, president of the Boosters Club and served on St. Brigid's School Board. He was a member of the Wednesday Work Group, A St. Brigid Usher more than 65 years, a Eucharistic minister. He was bingo worker/caller/chairman for 30 years for St. Brigid Church and Council 1801 Knights of Columbus. He was inducted into the Greene County Veterans Hall of Fame in 2026. He was a member of the Xenia American Legion Post 95, where he served as financial officer, and was a recipient of the Green Fez from the Dayton Shriners. He was a member of the Sons of Italy Organization, where he was an avid Bocce Player. Besides playing Bocce, Sam enjoyed fishing, golfing, bird watching, and

Bocce Classic 2026

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grounds beautification.
If you enjoy planning, fundraising, seeking
sponsors, or simply want to help strengthen our
Lodge for future generations, we'd love to have
you involved.

Interested? Please contact Sharon Smith at
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Summer Bocce Ball for Kids!

Please join us for our **LAST** kids bocce of the year
on Aug 2. Bocce for Kids will be for all children aged
8 to 13.

Play will start at 2 pm and last for about 2 hours.
Water and a light snack will be provided.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Kids
are encouraged to bring a friend (also aged 8 to
13) to learn how to play bocce too!

Please sign up—call Jan Holbrook 937-344-0601
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CARE House Bocce Tournament/ Charity Event

August 15th

7:30am for check in

8:00am play begins

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Member SHOUT OUTS!

Huge “thank you” to the garden crew (Marisa Varney, Sharon Smith, Phil Levin), as well as the those who helped with the parking lot sealing/ restriping project, and helping troubleshoot recent lodge issues (Mark Warner, Drew Titone, Scott Davis). Let us know in our membership meeting, of anyone you want to give a “shout out” to!

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.



Business Members of the Month

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La Cucina & CUPA Grazie!

At the July membership meeting our members enjoyed a variety of small plates, which included Italian meats and cheese sliders, a variety of pizzas, muffaletta sliders, veggie boats, and ice cream for dessert.

Thanks to Luke Sabatino, Tomaso Toskin, Marco Warner, Scott Davis, Andre ,Steve Torre, and Don Miceli, and Suzanne Perazzao for their help in preparing and serving our members.

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