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La Parola

February 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to thank all members that have done so much in the past year to help out where and when needed. We have accomplished a lot in the last year, we have replaced the roof (which was covered 100% by our insurance company), resurfaced the parking lot had a review from Excel energy and rented the hall to various people and organizations.

The building committee has had the biggest challenge in coming up with ideas to cut our costs regarding our building. Thermostats have been changed and improved, more efficient light bulbs have been installed and now the big walk in refrigerator has been turned off. The next step will be to turn off the walk in freezer and possibly replace it with a more efficient and smaller freezer. We are taking our costs seriously and are taking measures to lower our expenses one step at a time.

We are continually looking for ways to increase our revenue. One way in which to do this is to sell script at our lodge. At our last general meeting the assembly voted to have our treasurer fill out the application so that we may provide script to our members.

You will be able to purchase King Soopers, Safeway, Kmart, Wal-Mart, Kohl's and many other cards from the Denver Lodge and our lodge will get a percentage of your purchase back. If you are computer friendly you will be able to set up an account through the Denver Lodge and request script with our lodge benefiting from your order. With our membership we could receive as much as \$7,000 per year. We are not asking you to purchase anything that you would not already be purchasing. There will be more on this in the coming months.

At our January general meeting we were entertained by the 2004 National Ms. Senior America and the current Ms. Colorado Senior America. These ladies were very talented and made a hit with all in attendance. In February we will have a speaker from the Colorado Health Department regarding what may and may not affect us as far as health care reform. This subject is of importance to all no matter what our age or health conditions.

Our junior members delivered several boxes of food to the Wheat Ridge Food Bank before Christmas and are asking our members to please remember to continue to bring in non-perishable food items. They would like to continue this drive on a regular basis.

On a special note, I received a call from Past President Lou Polidori he sends his best and wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Please join us in making 2010 a successful year. My best wishes to all of you for a healthy, happy and successful new year.

Fraternally,
Pam Wright
President

La Parola

Karen Buffalo
Michael Kutz
Bob Giusto
Karen: 720-394-1254
(kutzalo@earthlink.net)

Hall Rental – 303-238-8055
The fee for members is \$500 for 4 hours and for non-members the fee is \$1200 for 4 hours.
Building Engineer: Ellio Zanolli
303-237-5932

Health & Condolences

Get well wishes to Reverend Edward Tatro who was hospitalized & is recovering.

Brother Jerry Brunetti has been ill & is recovering.

Congratulations

Brother Joe Ciancio & sister Rose Ciancio have celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary.

Deepest Sympathy

Charter Member Sister Eleanor Borelli has passed away.



Please contact Sister Joey Regan for health & condolences at 303-994-0445.

If you need the Sons of Italy banner at a funeral service for a loved one, please call the Lodge Hall at 303-238-8055.

Book Club

Book Club will meet at 12:00 p.m. every first Tuesday of each month at the lodge, lunch is provided for a minimal amount. The book to be discussed in February is **No Place Like Home** by Barbara Samuels. The book to read during the month of February is **The Glass Castle** by Jeanette Walls.

January's discussion was on the book *The Christmas List* written by Richard Paul Evans

The story begins three weeks before Christmas when real estate mogul James Kier reads the following headline;
LOCAL REAL ESTATE MOGUL DIES IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Utah real estate developer James Kier was pronounced dead after his car collided with a concrete pylon on southbound I 80. Authorities believe Kier may have had a heart attack prior to swerving off the road.

Kier was the president of the Kier Company, one of the West's largest real estate development firms. He was known as a fierce oftentimes ruthless, businessman. He once said, "If you want to make friends, join a book club. If you want to make money, go into business. Only a fool confuses the two."

Kier is survived by his son, James Kier II, and his wife, Sara.

Kier put the paper down. He had no idea what the article was about to set in motion.

February Fun Facts

By Jake Regan

Feb 1st National Freedom Day

Feb. 8th Boy Scouts 100 Years of Scouting

Feb. 14th St. Valentine's Day

Feb. 16th Fat Tuesday

Feb. 28th Purim (Jewish Festival)

Other Fun Facts: American Heart Month, and best of all

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!!!

January Attendance Prize

Nick Mariani won.

By-laws

According to Denver By-Laws, Article 1- Paragraph 4, "The by-law commission shall accept for consideration any by-law or change submitted in writing by a regular member in good standing by March 1 of each calendar year.

Address Changes

Please inform sister Linda Wilder at 303-465-3535 of changes.

Dues are Due

To All Members: Dues are coming up and the invoices went out the first of January. Dues for all members are \$45.00 with the exception of Lifetime Members.

If you have not received your invoice by the 15th of January please let us know. If you have any questions please contact sister Linda Wilder at 303-465-3535. We would appreciate it if all dues are paid when invoices are received.
THANK YOU!

Scholarships

You can apply on line for the national scholarships at www.osia.org (deadline to apply is 2-28-10) & click on the link for scholarships. There are several different amounts to be awarded, from \$2000.00 to \$10,000.00, so click on the amount you want. Our Lodge gives 5 scholarships that are awarded in June; the deadline to apply for Lodge scholarships is April 30, 2010. Please notify sister Adeline Napier if you need scholarship information or applications (303-429-1580).

Elections at February General Meeting

There will be a special election for Treasurer, Mistress or Master of Ceremonies at the February General Meeting.



Pancake Breakfast

March 14, 2010
8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Save the date!
More details to follow.

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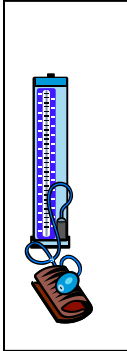
February, 2010. Happy New Year!

This is the first orator's corner for 2010 and a reminder that any proposals for changes in by-laws must be received by March 1. I have recommended some changes this year. Since the mortuary fund issue has been resolved, there will no longer be a need for "associate" members and I will propose that wording be changed so we have only "regular" and "social" member status for adult members. I am also asking for a by-laws change that allows the council to review the dues structure annually at the November meeting and the membership can vote each year based on the recommendation of the council to adjust or keep the dues the same. Now, the bylaws must be changed anytime we want the dues to change.

Please let me know if you have any comments or questions about these proposals.

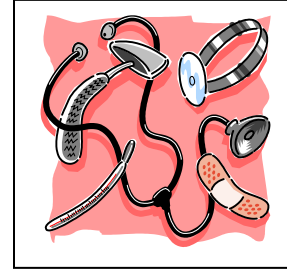
Regards,
Tony Iozzo
Lodge orator

Speakers Bureau-Contact Brother Rich Newton
with suggestions: 303-955-0225



February Speakers Bureau

Penny K. Studebaker



With the Colorado State Health Department

Will be speaking on

“YOUR ROLE IN HEALTHCARE REFORM AS AN OLDER
ADULT”

March Speakers Bureau



Juliana & Mario Del Piccolo

Will be speaking on

“OUR REGION OF ORIGIN...VENETO”

THE GARIBALDI-MEUCCI MUSEUM

The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum, located on Staten Island, New York is a historic house preserved as a memorial to the lives of Antonio Meucci and Giuseppe Garibaldi.

The simple country residence was built in 1840 in the Gothic revival style. In 1850, Meucci and his wife Ester learned of its availability and soon after began renting it. Shortly thereafter, Garibaldi arrived in New York seeking refuge. Meucci offered him the hospitality of his home and together they worked in his candle factory. Later, in 1854, Garibaldi returned to Italy leading military forces that would provide for the unification of Italy and would win him worldwide fame.

When Garibaldi died in 1882, a committee was formed to commemorate the hero's stay on these shores. Meucci was on hand that year when a marble plaque was placed over the front door of the house... After Meucci's death the house was turned over to the Italian community to be preserved as a memorial to Garibaldi.

In 1907, on the centennial of the hero's birth, the house was moved to its present location, and here a pantheon was erected over it. In 1919, the Garibaldi Society turned the house over to the Order Sons of Italy in America. The Order has restored and maintained the house ever since. With the assistance of the cultural department of the Italian Embassy, artifacts were collected from around the world. In May of 1956, the house was opened to the public and rededicated as The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum.

Today, the museum is a National Landmark owned and operated by the Order Sons of Italy in America. The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum preserves the legacy of Antonio Meucci. You can learn more about the museum by going to www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.org or by contacting your lodge.



Junior Members bring food to Helping Hands Food Bank

The First Annual Sons of Italy Lodge 2075 Food Drive came to a close at the end of 2009. The junior members delivered many boxes of food to the neighborhood food bank, Helping Hands Food Bank. The food bank was most appreciative for our donation and said to be sure to tell all the members "Thank You!"

Please keep all those donations coming throughout the year and we'll do it again. This would not have been a success without our members.

January

March

February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Book Club 12 p.m./meet at Lodge	3 7p.m. Council Meeting	4	5	6
2 p.m. Fellowship Activities at Lodge	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Please return to President Pam Wright. Our Volunteers keep our Lodge going!

Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!

--author unknown

- I can Chair a Dinner/Dance
- I can Co-Chair a Dinner/Dance
- I can help at Bingo on a Wed or Thurs
- I can bake cookies for events
- I can help with the Golf Tournament
- I can sell cookbooks at the craft fair
- I can be a greeter at the craft fair
- I can help to measure the hall for the craft fair
- I can help put signs out for the craft fair
- I can help in the kitchen at events
- I can help sell cookies at events
- I can help make pizzelles for events
- I can help with Spaghetti Dinners
- I would like to ride in the float at parades
- I have a truck and can help haul things
- I can help with food preparation at a General Meeting
- I can help serve food at a General Meeting
- I can help with kitchen clean up at a General Meeting
- I can help decorate the hall for Christmas
- I can help with the Children's Christmas Party

- Name _____
- Phone _____
- Email _____



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