



# LA PAROLA

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**St. Patrick's Day Parade a Sham "Rock"ing Good Time - See Page Four for Photos**



## Junior Member Michael Kutz is Eagle Bound

I am junior member Michael Kutz. I am working toward my Eagle Rank with Boy Scout Troop 376. In order to be an Eagle, you have to meet many requirements.

Only a small percent of boys obtain the rank of Eagle, about 10%. The Eagle Project has to benefit a community other than the Boy Scouts. Parents cannot pay for the project, nor can you donate money to a cause.

My project was to donate 10 bat houses to the congregation of Salem United Church of Christ (which sponsors our troop). These bat houses are 1 foot wide and 2 feet tall and will house 15-20 bats. The bat houses are hung 20 feet high on the east or south side of your home-the bats like to be warm; the bats will then eat hundreds of insects, including the mosquitoes that cause West Nile Virus. This is an environmentally safe way to rid your yard and property of bothersome insects and keep your family healthy!

Our lodge sponsored my Eagle Project by donating \$200.00 for the supplies needed to make the bat houses. I can't thank the lodge enough!

The scouts met on January 30 & assembled the bat houses. We had enough wood to make 12 bat houses which were presented to the church on Scout Sunday, February 7. The bat houses were very well received, I even autographed one.

On February 8, the Boy Scouts of America celebrated 100 years of scouting. It's a really exciting year to make Eagle! No job is done until the paperwork is done. I am currently working on all the paperwork, then my rank will be official and I will hold a Court of Honor to celebrate! Scouting has taught me a lot about leadership, camping (even in a tent in the snow), and hiking, cooking, fishing, shooting sports, and starting campfires with one match. I've had a lot of fun and I highly recommend scouting to anyone.

Thanks again for sponsoring my project!

Michael Kutz, Junior Member & Boy Scout



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### Health & Condolences

#### Get Well Wishes

Sisters Gisele Denton & Elaine Gerik had surgery & are both recovering.

#### Deepest Sympathy

Sisters Carol Bradley, Jackie Garrimone, & Sallie Henthorne passed away. Brother John Capone's brother, Richard passed away. Sisters Mary Malpiede & Josephine Haas's brother, Jim Teti 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

The Book Club will meet April 6, Tuesday at 12:00 p.m., at the lodge. The Book Club's April discussion will be Amazing Grace by Danielle Steele. April reading will be The Last Song by Nicholas Sparks. Please call sister Dorine Garrimone for more information at 303-421-4505.

### Food Drive

The junior members will continue with the food drive. Members are asked to bring non-perishable items to the lodge.

### Attendance Prize

March attendance prize was won by sister Mary Piro; she graciously donated the money to the scholarship fund.

### Shop with Scrip

You can pick up King Soopers Cards at the General Meetings. You can also go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to set-up an account and order specific cards & the lodge will have them for you at the general meeting. This is a great fund raiser for the lodge!

### Scholarships

The Denver Lodge will be giving away scholarships to deserving members and their families. Applications can be downloaded on our website at [www.osiadenver.org](http://www.osiadenver.org) or you can pick one up at the lodge. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2010. You can call sister Adelaide Napier at 303-429-1580 for further questions.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado will also be giving away scholarships this year. This application is also on the Denver Lodge website or you can call sister Angie Sether at 303-989-2251.

### Speaker's Bureau

We will have speaker on genealogy next. Date to be announced.

### New General Meeting Start Time

As President Pam noted in her letter, we will have a meal prior to each meeting. Thanks to sister Elizabeth Domenico Hartney, who will organize the cooking. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. The cost will remain the same, \$3.00 & that will enter you in the attendance drawing.

### Meet Sister Mickie Lava Clayton



Mickie was born in Brooklyn, New York. Her father was an immigrant who "came over on the boat." Her aunts lived on the same block. "Everyone I knew was from Italy."

Growing up, Mickie had no toys. She played Tag & Hide n' Seek with her cousins. There was no misbehaving, because there were plenty of adults to discipline the children. Her father was a laborer. Mickie is the 4th of 5 children.

Her mother died in childbirth when the last child was born. Mickie was 3 years old when her mother died. Her father never remarried. He raised his 5 children with the help of family and neighbors.

Mickie worked at a soda fountain while in high school. The manager insisted she stay in school.

Mickie's father passed away one month before she graduated from high school. Mickie received a "whopping \$200.00 inheritance" from her father. Since she had never been outside of New York, she decided to take the train to Denver.

### A Message from the President



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to bring everyone up to date on the hall rental. We have some outside rentals coming up this spring and summer. I have been receiving 4 to 5 calls per week since a sign has been posted on 32nd Ave. Thank you to Matt Vergano for making the sign for us. The hall is being rented for a Quincieniera on March 20th, a retirement party on June 6th, a wedding on August 7th, and another wedding on August 21st. Also, the Columbus Day Parade Committee has inquired about the use of our building for the after-parade party. No commitment has been made.

I have had requests to get the chorus started again. I would like to honor these requests but we need an accompanist. If you play the piano or know of someone that could spend some time each week with our members, please let me know. This is a big commitment but it would be nice to get our chorus together for the Christmas party.

Thank you to brother Russell Canino and all of the members that attended the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We had a great time and this is the first time in a long time that our float was actually full. Thank you to sister Linda Wilder and everyone that helped with the pancake breakfast.

At our general meeting in March, checks were presented to the Gregston Family for the American Diabetes Association, and to brother Jerry Caruso for the Caruso Family Charities. Parker Gregston is an 13 year boy who was diagnosed with Type I diabetes at the age of 2. He accepted the check on behalf of the American Diabetes Association. Each check was in the amount of \$400 and

Once in Denver, she met Jim Clayton, her husband of 36 years. "I married my soul mate. We had a good, solid marriage. We always got along."

Mickie worked as a supervisor for the Denver Lenders, a finance company. She is currently in her 18th year as a legislative aide (from January to May). Mickie volunteers for Tom Martino, the district attorney, and Channel 6.

Mickie has seen many changes in society, especially in the rearing of children. Mickie says she lived her best years poor as a church mouse: "It was the happiest time. We got pleasure out of little things."

Did you know Mickie and Jim were driving around one day, and came upon our current lodge building? It was for sale and the Sons of Italy needed a bigger lodge...and that's how we got our lodge! Mickie said she instantly loved the building. "It was a bargain!" Mickie was the editor for our newsletter for many years (when it was hand typed)!

When I think of Mickie, the words 'energy' and 'spitfire' come to mind. Even in school, she never sat still. Mickie says she still doesn't sit still.

Piacere Sister Mickie.

was the money raised from our BUNCO for Charity Tournament. We hope to hold this tournament again this year.

The general assembly also agreed to purchase King Sooper gift cards to have on hand at the lodge so that they will be readily available to members. The cards will be in amounts of \$25 and \$100. The lodge will receive 5% from the purchase of these cards.

We will have a social meeting in April and will start at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. The March general assembly agreed to start every month at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. We will eat at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. Sister Elizabeth Domenico Hartney is now our kitchen manager and will be in charge of our dinner for meetings. Don't forget that we have our 53rd Anniversary celebration on April 17th. Join us in recognizing our past presidents and even though we do not have the Queen program any longer we still recognize them for being outstanding representatives of our order. There is more information inside this newsletter.

May 15th will bring our annual bocce tournament. This is always a lot of fun, brothers Tony Iozzo and Mario DelPiccolo do a great job organizing and making the day run smoothly. Of course we cannot forget the wonderful meal that is prepared by sisters Julianna DelPiccolo and Maggie Iozzo.

I wish all of you a Happy Easter and a Happy Spring.

Fraternally,

Pam Wright, President

## CORNER'S



by Brother Tony Iozzo  
Orator, Denver Lodge #2075

### Where do our dues payments go?

It is a good time to look at our dues structure and where the money goes. Our \$45 annual dues include quarterly assessment to the state and national organizations. Annualized, the assessment is \$18 to national and \$11 to the state. We then retain only \$16 for our lodge. We have some by-laws changes proposed which will allow us to review the dues structure on an annual basis. In the meantime, it is very important to support our fund raising efforts. Major events like our golf and bocce tournaments, dances and dinners, and bingo are our major source of income. We are looking forward to increased income from hall rental and our new scrip program. Our success depends on our participation.

# Easter is Sunday, April 4th



St Patrick's Day Parade & Pancake Breakfast



## Holy Week in Southern Italy

Pasqua (Easter) is perhaps the most celebrated holiday in Italy, with Settimana Santa (Holy Week) rites starting on Palm Sunday and ending on Easter Sunday.

The south of Italy, especially Sicily, is particularly well-known for its solemn displays of religious devotion, which often include processions on Good Friday (Venerdì Santo),

Holy Saturday (Sabato Santo), and Easter, when the festivities become joyous in nature.

Holy Week processions usually feature participants dressed in traditional costumes representing the personalities involved in the crucifixion: Jesus Christ, the two men crucified alongside him, and Pontius Pilate. There are often Roman soldiers and the penitent, even flagellants, in places like Nocera Tirenese, in the province of Catanzaro in Calabria .

Statues of the Madonna, dressed in mourning black until her son is risen, and also of Jesus are carried through towns in processions that often last many hours, even an entire day; the faithful, often older women, may follow behind the procession barefoot to show their devotion.

The oldest Good Friday procession in Italy is said to be in Chieti in the region of Abruzzo, during which Selecchi's Miserere is played by 100 violins.

## Why isn't Easter on the same date every year like Christmas, for instance?

The short answer is that Easter falls after the first full moon following the vernal or spring equinox. (The equinox is a day in the year on which daytime and night-time are of equal length. This happens twice a year, once in spring and once in autumn.)

## How to Make a Traditional Easter Dish

Hot cross buns are traditionally served on Good Friday (the Friday before Easter) and during the Lenten season, but they are good anytime. This recipe will make 2 1/2 dozen buns.

- 2 packages active dry yeast (1/4 ounce each)
- 1/2 cup warm water\*
- 1 cup warm milk\*
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup softened butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 6 1/2 to 7 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup dried currants
- 1/2 cup raisins

\*1 1/2 cups warm skim milk may be substituted for the milk and water in the roll recipe above

### Egg Wash

- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 egg yolk

### Icing

- 1 cup confectioner's sugar
- 4 teaspoons milk or cream
- Dash salt
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla

- Step One** Have the water and milk at 110-115 degrees F.
- Step Two** In a large mixing bowl, dissolve the yeast in the warm water.
- Step Three** Add the warm milk, sugar, butter, vanilla, salt, nutmeg, and 3 cups of the flour. Beat until smooth.
- Step Four** Add the eggs, one at a time, beating the mixture well after each addition.
- Step Five** Stir in the dried fruit and enough flour to make a soft dough.

### Directions

Turn out onto a floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic, about 6 to 8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl and turn over to grease the top. Cover with a damp towel or plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place until doubled in size (about 1 hour). Punch the dough down and shape into 30 balls. Place on lightly greased baking sheets. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 30 minutes). Using a sharp knife, cut a cross (or X) on the top of each roll. Beat the water and egg yolk together and brush over rolls. (You will probably have more than you need. Discard the unused egg glaze.) Bake at 375-degree F. for 12 to 15 minutes. Meanwhile, make icing by combining the last four ingredients. Stir until smooth, adjusting sugar and milk to make a mixture that flows easily. When rolls are baked, cool on wire racks. Drizzle icing over the top of each roll following the lines of the cut cross.





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## Annual Spring Bocce Tournament

Saturday, May 15th, 2010

Denver Lodge Hall  
5925 West 32nd Avenue  
Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80030

Registration 8:30

Entry Fee \$120 per team of 4 players

Includes continental breakfast, lunch, beer, wine, soft drinks & coffee

Guaranteed two rounds of play  
Single elimination after the first round

Cash Prizes

For more information, contact Mario Del Piccolo at 303-421-4109 or Tony Iozzo at 303-467-0274

**Hurry! The deadline for entry is April 30, 2010!**

### OSIA Denver Lodge #2075 Bocce Tournament Entry Form

Team or Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Captain's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Players (4):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Entry fee is \$30 per player (\$120 total). Make checks payable to: OSIA Denver Lodge #2075  
Mail this entry form and payment to: Tony Iozzo, 13850 West 64th Drive, Arvada, CO 80004  
Enrollment due BEFORE April 30, 2010.

For administrative use only. Do not fill-out this portion.

Entry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_



## You're invited to the Denver Lodge's 52nd Anniversary Dinner Dance

Cocktails - 6:30pm

Dinner - 7:00pm Catered by Rossi's Catering

Dancing - 8:00pm to Terry Narona & the Titans

It all started in April 1958. Please join us for an evening of fabulous food and dancing to commemorate the occasion. This event is open to the public so please bring your family and friends. The dress attire is formal so gentlemen get out your tuxedos and ladies show off your favorite gowns. For tickets call Anne Ciancio, 303-235-9308.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 13th.



It's spring and that means Bocce! Get a team together and enter the Denver Lodge's spring Bocce Classic. See the ad in this newsletter for more information. Contact Mario Del Piccolo at 303-421-4109 for more information.



The smell of sausage cooking, the kids games, the raffle and of course the cake walk. These are all things that bring us together every summer at our family picnic. Please mark your calendars to join us this year for fun with family and friends. Watch La Parola in coming months for details.



Our golf tournament will be held at Hyland Hills Golf Course. We are in need of donations for prizes. If you would like to make a donation or offer your time, please call Anne Ciancio at 303-235-9308 or Ernie Marranzino at 303-884-6538 and of course you can always call the hall at 303-238-8055.



We will need models & male escorts. Save the date. Call sister Linda Wilder at 303-465-3535 if you would like to participate.

# 2010 Calendar of Upcoming Events

## APRIL

**Tuesday, April 6th**  
**Book Club at the Lodge Hall**

**Saturday, April 17th**  
**52nd Anniversary Dinner Dance**

**Wednesday, April 22nd**  
**General Meeting (Social)**

Join us for our monthly meeting open to all members and guests. Most of the business of this meeting will be tabled so that we may enjoy each other's company. Bring a friend!

**Dinner - 6:30pm**  
**Meeting - 7:00pm**

## MAY

**Tuesday, May 4th**  
**Book Club at the Lodge Hall**

**Saturday, May 15th**  
**Annual Spring Bocce Tournament**  
It's spring and that means Bocce! Get a team together and enter the Denver Lodge's spring Bocce Classic. See the ad in this newsletter for more information. Contact Mario Del Piccolo at 303-421-4109 for more information.

**Registration - 8:30am**

**Wednesday, May 19th**  
**General Meeting**

Join us for our monthly meeting open to all members and guests. Bring a co-worker!

**Dinner - 6:30pm**  
**Meeting - 7:00pm**

## JUNE

**Tuesday, June 1st**  
**Book Club at the Lodge Hall**

**Wednesday, June 16th**  
**General Meeting - Scholarship Night**

Join us for our monthly meeting open to all members and guests. Bring a sibling!

**Dinner - 6:30pm**  
**Meeting - 7:00pm**

**Mark your calendars  
for these future events**

**August 1**  
Family Picnic at Prospect Park

**August 20**  
Golf Tournament

**September 18**  
Fashion Show

**Order Sons of Italy in America**  
**Denver Lodge #2075**  
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