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Meet brother Michael Garioto

Michael's father is 100% Italian. His grandmother was born in Genoa, and his grandfather was born in Palermo. Michael was

born in Los Gatos, California. Michael grew up in California with his parents and younger sister Katie. He enjoyed running track and field in high school. He was a drummer in the marching band in high school and college. He also enjoyed the beach and skiing. Michael says he was a "good kid and kept busy, so there wasn't time to get into trouble." Michael also worked in a retirement home for the Jesuits. He worked there until 1997 (returning to help them even when he was finished with college). He worked preparing their meals and also taking them to doctor appointments. Michael went to the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he majored in geology. He graduated from college in 1996.

Michael met his wife, Carrie, one night when they were both out on a night on the town. They have been married for three years. They have a beautiful daughter, Sofia Angelina (pictured with Michael) who is 20 months old and keeps them very busy. Michael works as a design and engineering manager at a lumber/truss manufacturing plant in Lafayette.

As you can imagine, Michael doesn't have a lot of free time. He states that his family comes first. He and Carrie enjoy skiing. Michael is an avid Colorado Buffaloes fan. You can find him at their tailgating parties and attending their games. He enjoys playing bocce and of course being a member of our lodge. As a new member, he has already volunteered for several events, and is a member of the marketing committee. We appreciate his help and enthusiasm.

Piacere brother Michael!

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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.

2008-2009 Lodge Officers

President Pam Wright	Recording Secretary Karen Buffalo	Guard Vince Gagliardi
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Congratulations

Congratulations to Pauline Carochi for being inducted into the National Forensics League Hall of Fame. Pauline is the wife of our State President, John Carochi.

Health & Condolences

Get Well Wishes

Sister Elaine Gerk had surgery and is recovering.

Brother Paul LoNigro's wife Jackie LoNigro had knee surgery and is recovering.

Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with several families who have suffered a loss.

- Sisters Jackie Garrimone & Carol Bradley have passed away.
- Brother Paul Ewing passed away.
- Domenico Marcantonio, father of Gianfranco Marcantonio and Giulio Marcantonio passed away.
- Florence Falvey, sister of Juliana Del Piccolo and Frank Busnardo 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.

Sunday Fellowship

We continue to meet at the lodge every Sunday at 2 p.m.

Book Club

Come and join in on the fun, everyone is welcome!

Book Club – June 1, 2010 6:30 p.m.

A special evening is planned with Lara Lyons author of *The Punjabi's Wife*. You won't want to miss this evening's event. If you haven't read the book you will enjoy the discussion about Lara's life in Pakistan. She will also have books available for those of you that would like to read her story. We will be serving pizza and all are welcome. No charge to anyone attending. Please call Dorine Garrimone at 303-421-4505 so that there will be plenty of refreshments on hand.

The book for the June reading is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson which will be discussed in July. The July reading is *Playing The Enemy* by John Carlin which will be discussed in August and the August reading is *Sail* by James Patterson to be discussed in September.

Also, in September at the fashion show we will be having a book sale. If you have any books that you would like to dispose of please bring them to the hall and the book club will put them in the book sale. All proceeds will go to the lodge.

Have you ever been hungry?

Can you imagine how it feels to be hungry, or to be a parent who can't afford to feed your children, or to be a child and not have breakfast before going to school in the morning? We can help these families who are on hard times. Remember to bring your canned foods & non perishable items to the hall. Our junior members are collecting food for the local food bank and we haven't had too many donations so far.

Bingo Help

The Bingo workers are in desperate need of help. Bingo is held on every Wednesday & Thursday. The hours are 11 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. We need people to be the callers, sell packets, sell pickles, walk the floor and sell additional bingo cards. Even if you could help one day a week, every two weeks, once a month... anything would be appreciated! Our bingo staffing has come to a point where it is of utmost importance to get some help for these volunteers. Please call sister Pat Salvucci at 303-235-8466.



Shop with Scrip

In order to help our dues remain at a low amount and help out with finances we have taken on a new program. You can help by purchasing a gift card through GLS. For every gift card (scrip) purchased the lodge will receive a percentage ranging from 2% to 11% and in some cases even more. All you need to do is log onto www.shopwithscrip.com and become part of our family. Our enrollment code is CL4293324343. Once you have set up your own account on the Sons of Italy Denver Loge #2075 site and you can order cards that you would like to purchase. If you do not have a computer we can send you a list of cards available and we will order for you. You pay no more than you would pay in the store for your gift cards. The only thing you must do is plan ahead. You will be helping with this fundraiser without even leaving your home. For your convenience we have purchased King Sooper cards and they are available for your purchase at the lodge. Safeway cards can be ordered from GLS.

Six Flags tickets are now available for \$30 with an 8% non-profit contribution. These tickets are redeemable for single one-day admissions at any Six Flags Theme Park and may be used for both adults and children. In addition to our scrip rebate, you also save even more on your admission price. While normal ticket prices range from \$30 (children's price) to \$50+, your \$30 universal ticket is good for admission at any Six Flags property. That means you could save \$20 (or more) on your next Six Flags admission.

Also available at a great contribution to the Denver Lodge are Quiznos gift cards in \$10 denominations with a 10% contribution to the lodge. This gift card may only be used for making purchases at participating Quiznos restaurants in the United States.

For more information call Pam at 303-420-2671

Attendance Prize

The May attendance prize was won by brother Warren Wilke. Every month at the general meeting we'll be pulling tickets from all those that attend. Don't miss your chance to win a cash prize! See you at the next meeting.

Speaker's Bureau

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



Congratulations to sister Marianna Perez

On Friday, June 18th Marianna will hold a cooking class at Whole Foods in Fort Collins. Known as the local singing caterer Marianna will hold class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and share her old family recipe for Chicken Cacciatore among others.

Boy Scout Troop 376

A big thank you to junior member Michael Kutz's boy scout troop who volunteered their time for service hours to pull weeds and get our bocce courts cleaned up before the tournament! They also pulled weeds in the parking lot, along the fence. Afterward, they played a game of bocce, which they all really enjoyed. Special thanks to scouts: Michael Kutz, Nico Gallegos, Brent Roberts, Adrian Klier, Joseph Petcher, and Jeremy Mays. In addition, scout parents sister Karen Buffalo, Yoli, Gallegos, Rodney & C.J. Mays and brothers Tony Iozzo & Ellio Zanolli also worked with the scouts and pulled weeds as well.

CORATOR'S CORNER



by Brother Tony Iozzo
Orator, Denver Lodge #2075

Denver Lodge Approves Bylaw Changes

At our May general meeting we approved the proposed by-law changes submitted by the by-law committee. Upon approval of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, the following changes will be updated/added in our bylaws:

1. The "associate" member classification was eliminated and all associate members will become "regular" members with voting rights. The social and junior member categories were not affected.
2. Membership dues will be reviewed each November by the council and submitted for a vote of the general assembly at the November general meeting for any changes recommended for the following year.
3. Lifetime members will be asked to pay the per-capita portion of the annual dues. They will still be exempt from the local lodge portion of these dues.
4. The annual adult Christmas party will be open to members and guests.
5. The memorial display will include the plaque for any deceased past President and the cost will be covered by the lodge.

Thanks to all who voted and discussed these changes.

Save Your Ink

If you are getting our newsletter by email, did you know you can save your ink and print it out in black and white, or, of course, just print certain pages?

Day of Recognition

Sons of Italy will celebrate its 105th anniversary with a Sons of Italy National Day of Recognition on June 19, 2010. Since our general meeting is on the 16th of June we will be holding this Day of Recognition at that time. Please plan on attending the general meeting for this special occasion.

A Message from the President



Summer is finely upon us and we are in full swing with our summer schedule. Summer brings our scholarship presentation, Golden Lion Awards (OSIA Colorado Foundation Awards and Scholarship Presentation), our annual lodge picnic, community parade and annual golf tournament. I hope that you are holding these dates open so that you can attend and partake in the fun and socializing with your fellow brothers and sisters.

This year's Golden Lion Award Ceremony will be held on Sunday June 13th at the Denver Marriott West. Tickets are \$50 per person and everyone is welcome. Cocktails will begin at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. The Golden Lion Recipient will be Dan DeRose from Southern Colorado Lodge. He is largely credited for his support of the athletic program at CSU, Pueblo. The Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Jim Saccomano. Mr. Saccomano is the Vice President of Corporate Communications for the Denver Broncos. Five young men and women will receive \$1,000 scholarships to the college of their choice. Guest speaker for the day will be Sonny Lubick and radio personality Irv Brown will be the emcee.

Over the past six years Denver Lodge has been fortunate to have had four Golden Lion Recipients. Phil Spano, Mike Broncuccia, Alisa Zahller, and Joe Ciancio. We have also had two Humanitarian Award winners from Denver Lodge Reverend Joseph Carbone and Jerry Caruso. We have also been fortunate in the fact that at least

one state scholarship recipient each year has been a son, daughter, grandchild or relative of a Denver Lodge member. Invite your family and friends to join us in honoring these Italian Americans that have contributed greatly to the community in which we live.

The Denver Lodge will be presenting three scholarships this coming month as well. I hope that you take the time to join us in congratulating the young leaders of our community. All of which are children or grandchildren of our members. Marissa LoNigro a 2009 recipient of a Denver Lodge scholarship and a 2009 state scholarship will perform for us during this special program. She is attending Arizona State University and is studying music performance. ASU has one of the top programs in the country for music performance, and Marissa was one of about 600 students who auditioned but only two were chosen. Marisa is the daughter of our treasurer brother Paul LoNigro.

On another note I would like to thank Mario and Juliana DelPiccolo, Tony and Maggie Iozzo for coordinating another successful bocce tournament. Everyone had a fun day; even the weather cooperated. Also, a thank you goes to all that helped out during the day and those members that played, I know everyone had a great time.

Fraternally,

Pam Wright, President



Fun at the Bocce Tournament on May 15th



The Denver Lodge Presents...

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events

Golf Tournament

Friday, August 20th

We hope you'll join the Denver Lodge Friday, August 20th at Hyland Hills Golf Course in Westminster for our annual golf tournament to benefit Alzheimer's Association and Cooley's Anemia. In addition to foursomes, we are in need of donations/prizes. If you would like to make a donation or volunteer, please call Anne Ciancio at 303-235-9308 or Ernie Marrantino at 303-433-7801



Family Picnic

Sunday, August 1st

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.

Wheat Ridge Carnation Parade

Saturday, August 21st

Calling all members! We will be entering our float in the Wheat Ridge Carnation parade as we have in many years past. We hope to see our members walking with us or on the sidelines watching. Get out the sunscreen!

Fashion Show

Saturday, September 18th

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

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

JULY

Wednesday, July 21st
General Meeting

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

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

AUGUST

Sunday, August 1st
Family Picnic at Prospect Park

This is our annual picnic with the usual cake walk, kids' games, games of bocce and so much more. Don't miss this event and don't forget to invite your families and friends!

Starts at 11:30am

Wednesday, August 18th
General Meeting

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

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

Sunday, August 20th
Golf Tournament

You're invited to get your clubs together and play in our annual golf tournament at Hyland Hills golf course. There will be breakfast, lunch and many prizes. Call Ernie Marranzino to register your foursome or just yourself.

Shotgun Start at 7:00am

Sunday, August 21st
Wheat Ridge Carnation Parade

Starts at 10:00am

**Mark your calendars
for these future events**

September 18th
Fashion Show

November 6th and 7th
Craft Fair

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