



# La Parola

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Brothers and Sisters,

Our state convention was held this past month and all that attended had a great time. Thank you goes to Palma Bonacci for entertaining the delegates on Friday evening with the Tarantella. Also thanks to Tami LoSasso for bringing a group of Lakewood High School students and graduates to perform a medley of song and dance. We are very fortunate to have so many talented members.

Time is moving quickly it is already July and we have lots of fun events planned for your enjoyment. We will be opening our bocce courts at 5:00 p.m. on meeting nights July thru September so come and join in on the fun and meet up with some longtime friends and meet some new members. We will have food served at 7 p.m. with the meeting to follow. This month we will present 6 scholarships to our future leaders. Please plan on attending to show these young people our appreciation for a job well done. Thank you to Sister Addie Napier and her committee for their part in the scholarship program.

I am very sad to inform you that our golf tournament has been cancelled. There are two reasons for this. First at the end of June we had low numbers of players so Park Hill scheduled another tournament to play alongside of us. Second this would not allow us to hold the type of tournament that we feel is in the best interest of our lodge and our players. We would not be able to have members/workers on the course and we could not hold specials such as closest to the hole or longest drive. So for this year we will have no golf tournament.

Our building committee has been very busy. Brother Joe Ciancio and his committee have been busy getting our lodge in tip top shape. Looks like we will be getting a new roof, our parking lot will be paved early July and brother Doug Wilder has painted the outside entryway and covered up the door that had graffiti with a fresh coat of paint. Our address is now on the south side of the building. We have new signs on the east side of the building and the south side. Brothers Greg and Tony Canino along with Al Zanoli have installed a sprinkler to keep our planter box watered and Sister Linda Wilder planted beautiful flowers. Brother Tony Iozzo will be installing new programmable thermostats throughout the building. Excel energy has provided us with ways in which we can better manage our costs. Along with the installation of new thermostats the committee will be tackling more energy efficient projects. There is much work still to be done and our building committee has been doing an outstanding job. I will keep you informed as to what projects are being completed.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> will bring our lodge picnic. Picnic time is from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Prospect Park 44<sup>th</sup> & Robb. Sausage, hot dogs and hamburgers and drinks will be provided by the lodge and the rest will be potluck provided by the members. Please follow the chart below for your dish.

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Fraternally,  
Pam Wright  
President

# La Parola

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## Health & Condolences

Get well thoughts go to  
Brother John Brienza,  
Brother Lou Alonzi and  
Brother Carlo Amato.

Sister Barbara Vuletich  
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 again on August 4 & September 1, at the McDonalds on 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Wadsworth at 12 noon. Please join in on the conversation; everyone is welcome even if you haven't read the book of the month. In July, the book club will be reading *The Christmas Sweater* by Glen Beck. Looking ahead to August, the reading will be *A Bold Fresh Piece of Humanity* by Bill O'Reilly.*

Would you like to join the book club? For more information call **Doreen Garrimone at 303-421-4505.**

## May Attendance Prize

The winner was John Callor!

## Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 2:00pm for fellowship activities.  
Hall at 303-238-8055.

## Festival Italiano & Broomfield Days

What do these 2 events have in common? Both events will be held on the same day, September 19-20 and we will be selling our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks at these events. We need volunteers to help us sell our cookbooks. Please contact sister Karen Buffalo to sign up: 720-394-1254 or email at kutzalo@earthlink.net.

## Junior Members Organize Food Drive

Please bring non-perishable food items to the lodge meetings.

## 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.



### **Special Recognition & Thanks**

Sister Tressa & Past President Michael Colalancia were recognized & thanked for all their work and hours of dedication as being the prior publishers of La Parola. We appreciate all they have done, and always with a smile. They were instrumental in getting the present staff of La Parola started.

### **Bocce Court**

The Bocce Court will be open at 5pm for the July & August General Meetings. Come early & have fun playing bocce!

### **Spaghetti Dinner**

September 27, 2009 will be another great Spaghetti Dinner. Save the date!

### **August General Meeting**

We will have a social meeting and initiate new members. The bocce courts will be open at 5pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. This is a pot luck meeting. The lodge will furnish the main dish. Please plan on attending.

### **Scholarships to be Awarded**

Scholarships will be awarded at our July General Meeting. Again, thanks to sister Addie Napier & her committee for overseeing the scholarships.

### **Thanks to the Bakers**

Many thanks to all of the ladies who baked for the convention reception. We had a lot of beautiful, delicious cookies!

### **Bunco Tournament Rescheduled**

The Bunco Tournament will be rescheduled for October. Stay tuned for further details as the time gets closer.

### **C ORATOR'S R N E R**

#### **July 2009:**

At our state convention in June a change to the state bylaws was proposed.

Currently, article 80 states that "a member can only belong to two lodges if a founding member of the second lodge".

The proposal, after much discussion and debate was voted on, and defeated. The current article will remain in the state bylaws.

National bylaws allow membership in multiple lodges. If a member outside the grand lodge jurisdiction wishes to join a lodge in the state, it is allowed. For example, a member of a California lodge can keep his or her membership and be a member in a Colorado lodge. Our lodge bylaws must be consistent with the grand lodge and national bylaws. It can be more restrictive, but not more lenient than those bylaws.

Fraternally,  
Tony Iozzo, lodge orator

## Meet Brother Bob Giusto

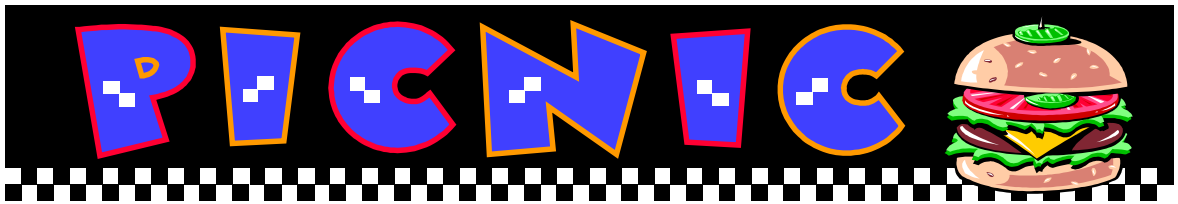


Bob Giusto, a member of Denver Lodge 2075, is very proud of his Italian heritage and the influence that it has on his family. A second-generation American of Italian descent, Bob holds his family up as an example of the promise of the American Dream. His grandparents emigrated from Piedmont and Sicily early in the twentieth century. His grandmothers toiled in the sweat shops of New York City like so many Italian seamstresses of the day. His paternal grandfather worked in a shoe factory before saving enough money to open his own shoe repair shop, and his other grandfather worked as a waiter in a number of the more exclusive restaurants in Manhattan such as the Waldorf Astoria and the Plaza Hotel. None of Bob's grandparents had much formal education, but all were astute, hard-working, ambitious people eager to make the most of the opportunities in this new land.

Bob's parents, Frank and Lilia Giusto, both born in New York City, took the next step from the foundation created by their parents. Frank graduated high school and volunteered for the United States Navy for service during World War II, while Lilia earned her high school diploma and went immediately into the work force. After service in the navy, Frank earned his living as an illustrator and graphic designer. Together, Frank and Lilia brought five sons into this world, four of whom survive, and Bob is proud of the fact that he and all his brothers have graduated from college, thus taking the dreams of his grandparents to the next level.

Together with his wife Joann, Bob currently resides in Lakewood, where they have lived since 1993 after moving from New York. They are the proud parents of three boys, two of whom, Justin and Evan, are enrolled at Lakewood High School, while the youngest, Luke, is enrolled at Bear Creek K-8. Bob is an English teacher at Lakewood while Joann has been extremely busy juggling a number of part-time jobs, managing the household, and raising the three boys. They love their life here in Colorado, and Bob especially loves the outdoors. Fishing, hunting, and camping are his favorite ways of enjoying free time and days off, but with all their boys active in sports, school, and church, those activities take priority. The entire family enjoys time in the kitchen, and Bob loves to follow the recipes of his grandmothers. Homemade pasta and ravioli are at the head of the list, as are roasted lamb and eggplant parmigiana. During family meals and cooking time, Bob makes sure that his children understand who their ancestors are and what that means in their lives as they work to make their own American Dreams become reality.

**Piacere Brother Bob Giusto**



**Lodge Picnic  
August 2, 2009  
Prospect Park: 44<sup>th</sup> & Robb  
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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**Carnation Festival Parade**

**Saturday, August 15, 2009**

**Meet at the lodge hall at  
8:00 a.m.  
to ride in the float.**

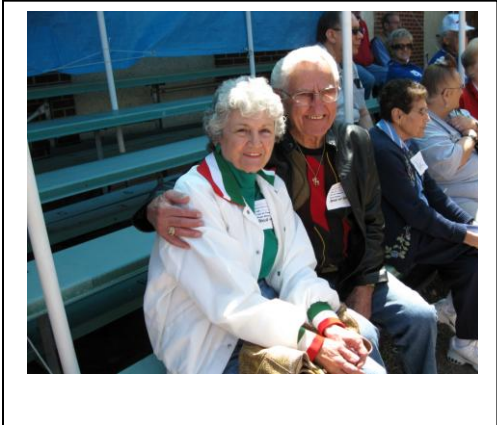
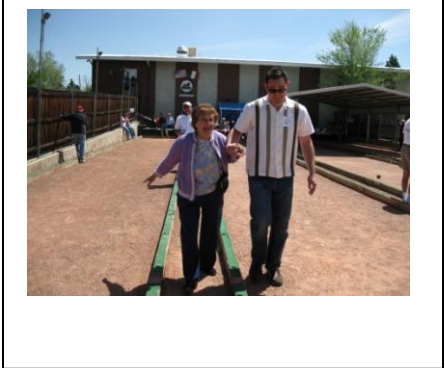
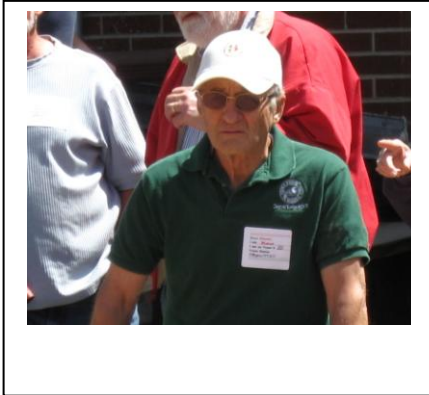
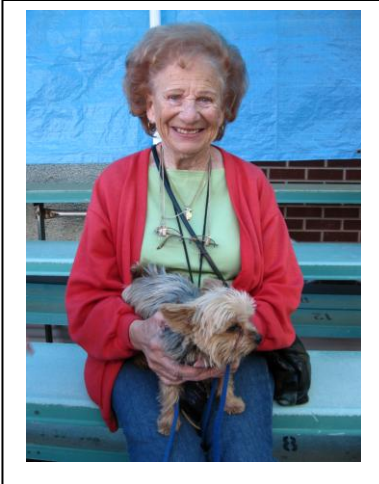


**Broomfield Days Parade**

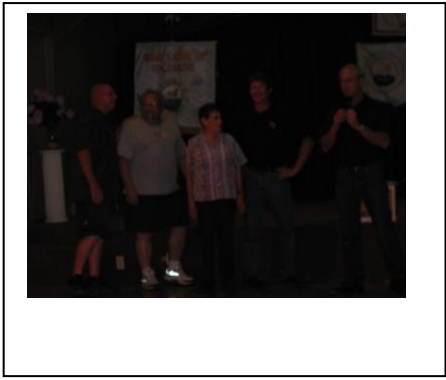
**Saturday, September 19,  
2009**

**More information to follow**

# Bocce Tournament



**State Convention  
Reception  
June 5, 2009**



**2009 Biennial State Convention  
June 6, 2009**





**Denver Lodge #2075**  
 5925 West 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
 Wheat Ridge, Colorado  
 80212

**DATED MATERIAL**

June						August
July 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Council Meeting 7pm/ Food Drive			
2pm Fellowship Activities at Lodge						
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July						September
August 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Picnic/ Prospect Park 11am-5pm		Book Club 12:00 pm/ McDonalds at 38th & Wadsworth	7pm Council Meeting			
2pm Fellowship Activities at Lodge						Carnation Festival/ Meet at hall at 8am
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