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The Story of the Sicilian Cart



Brother Jim Pagano of the Southern Colorado Lodge always admired Sicilian carts. After a discussion at a Sons of Italy meeting of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, Tony Carochi, lodge brother to Pagano and director for the state prison system suggested having inmates make a cart. And the rest, as they say, is history.

The Sicilian cart is two-wheeled, designed to be pulled by a horse or a donkey, and built to accommodate two or three riders. Through pictures, the cart tells the story of Italian-Americans who came to Pueblo to find work with the railroad and other industries. Leonardo Benevitti, a Southern Colorado lodge member and professional artist, painted the cart's side panels to depict life in Pueblo for the Italian immigrants.

Originally, carts were used by peasants in their farm labors who painted them to preserve the wood from the elements. Gradually, however, the paintings became more elaborate and decorative, evolving into the grand works of art as we know them today. This August, Pagano will have the cart in the Carnation Parade in Wheat Ridge. It is a very special piece, and seeing it, you will know why.

Info taken from The Pueblo Chieftain Newspaper-Parade, 4-28-09.



LODGE PICNIC THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 1st, 2010

See Page 5 for Details.

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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.

2008-2010 Lodge Officers

President Pam Wright	Recording Secretary Karen Buffalo	Guard Vince Gagliardi
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Health & Condolences

Get Well Wishes

Brother Ed Smith, son in law of brother Joe & sister Rose Ciancio was in an accident and is in the hospital. Thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family.

Brother Jerry Brunetti has been in the hospital and is now home and feeling better. Please remember brother Jerry in your prayers.

Deepest Sympathy

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

Julia Barone, mother of brothers Frank and Michael Barone, has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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

Book Club meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, at the lodge at 12:00. Please notify sister Dorine Garrimone 303-421-4505 if you are planning on attending so we know how many will be there for lunch. Book to be discussed in August is *Sail* by James Patterson. August reading is *Dance Upon the Air (Three Sisters Island Trilogy)*, author Nora Roberts - 1st in the series.

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

Food Drive Continues

The junior members are collecting non-perishable food items. Please help them to support our community food bank.

Attendance Prize

July attendance prize was won by brother Rich Newton. 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.

Fashion Show, September 18th

We will need models & male escorts. Save the day. Call sister Linda Wilder at 303-465-3535 if you would like to be a model or be an escort.

General Meeting, August 18th

Meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and meeting to follow. This will be a social meeting with new member initiation. The Bocce Courts will be open for play.

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?

A Message from the President



The month of August brings our annual lodge picnic, the golf tournament and the Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival Parade. I hope that you will be able to join us for our picnic on Sunday August 1st. This year we will furnish sausage and peppers, hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, beer and the watermelon. Of course we will have the plates, napkins and flatware. You will need to bring your own side dishes for your family. We will not be having potluck. Kristal Canino will organize games for the kids and adults as well and Brandon Finamore will be painting faces. We can always use a cake for the cake walk so if you are in the mood to bake we would greatly appreciate

that cake. This year we will bring along the bingo cards for those of you who don't want to play bocce or participate in the games. Lunch will be served at noon.

The golf tournament will be held on August 20th at Hyland Hills Golf Course. If you haven't yet got your team together fill out the form inside and send it to brother Ernie Marranzino. If you haven't got a team but would like to play, fill out the form and brother Ernie will place you in an available spot. If you would like to donate a door prize or work the tournament please contact sister Anne Ciancio at 303-235-9308.

Our August general meeting will be a social and the bocce courts will be open for play. We will also initiate new members in August. Please plan on attending and welcoming our new members.

August 21st is the Wheat Ridge Carnation Parade and our float will be ready for members to ride on thanks to Brother Russell Canino. Also, this year our brothers from Southern Colorado will bring their Sicilian cart and join us in the parade. Be at the lodge by 8:30 a.m. to meet your brothers from Southern Colorado Lodge and join us for the parade.

I look forward to seeing you at this month's upcoming events.

Fraternally,

Pam Wright
PAM WRIGHT, PRESIDENT

National 1st Vice President Visits Colorado



Brother Tony Baratta, 1st National Vice President attended the Grand Lodge meeting on July 24th. The meeting was held at the Denver Lodge and all local lodge presidents, vice presidents and orators were in attendance. This was a very interesting session.

Brother Tony discussed many national topics including at-large memberships, dual memberships, per capita, and the roles of the Grand Lodge and the Supreme Council just to mention a few.

The topic discussed at great length was membership. All lodges across the country are suffering from low membership. Although brother Tony was able to answer most of the questions presented to him, he promised to get back with answers he did not have.

A lengthy discussion was also held on the national web site. If you have not yet gone to this site and are able to do so check it out. There is a member-only section and you can get all sorts of discounts with your Sons of Italy membership. All in all it was a very informative meeting and we look forward to hearing from our first national vice president again very soon.

CORATOR'S CORNER



by Brother Tony Iozzo
Orator, Denver Lodge #2075

Did you know that the Denver Lodge is Required to Hold These Events?

Article V: Events

Section A – Mandatory Events:

The Lodge shall conduct or participate in the following events each calendar year.

1. Installation of Officers Dinner - Dance in odd numbered years to be held during the month of January prior to the general meeting night.
2. Anniversary Dinner - Dance each year by the first Saturday in June
3. Annual Lodge Picnic in August
4. Columbus Day Celebration
5. Annual Lodge Adult Christmas Party
6. Annual Lodge Children's Christmas Party, to be restricted to children and or grandchildren of members.



Shop with Scrip

In order to keep membership dues down and to help the lodge financially, 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 and account on the Sons of Italy Denver Lodge #2075, 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 fund raiser without even leaving your home.

For your convenience we have purchased King Soopers and Safeway cards and they are available for your purchase at the lodge.

For more information call President Pam Wright at 303-420-2671.



Presents

Annual Golf Tournament

to benefit Alzheimer's Association, Cooley's Anemia and other charities

Friday, August 20th, 2010

Hyland Hills Golf Course, Westminster

**\$110 per player includes:
Green Fees • Golf Cart • 1 Bucket of Range Balls
Continental Breakfast • Lunch • Awards & Prizes**

Application

Team Captain: _____ **Phone:** _____

Player 2: _____ **Phone:** _____

Player 3: _____ **Phone:** _____

Player 4: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please fill out this application and mail it with fees to:

Sons of Italy, Denver Lodge #2075

5925 West 32nd Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80212

Make checks payable to "Sons of Italy"

For more information contact Ernie Marranzino at 303-884-6538

or Linda Wilder at 303-465-3535.

To volunteer or make a donation, please call Anne Ciancio at 303-235-9308.

See You on the Course!

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. We hope you'll join us this year for fun with family and friends. **Please note that we will not be having a pot luck this year.** Bring your side dishes to share among your families and friends. Please also consider bringing a cake for the cake walk.

When: Sunday, August 1st, 11am - 4pm

Where: Propect Park at 44th Ave and Robb in Wheat Ridge

Bring your Family!



2010 DENVER LODGE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Growth is Our Only Option

We're launching a membership referral campaign that could benefit the lodge AND you. It's simple: bring in a regular member and you'll get a t-shirt that you can wear proudly at our next meeting, lodge event or while you mow the lawn. It's yours to do what you want with. Plus, any member that joins between now and December 31st won't have to pay an initiation fee! That's a savings of \$10 per person! But that's not all, we're also giving \$100, \$50 and \$25 in Visa gift cards to the top three sponsors who bring in the most regular members. We all know a family member, neighbor or co-worker who could benefit from the many things our lodge and organization has to offer. Do them, your lodge and yourself a favor, invite them to be a part of the largest organization of Italian-Americans in the United States. While we always welcome new faces, this incentive offer is only available for a limited time.



**For an application visit the lodge at
5925 West 32nd Avenue, Wheat Ridge
or go online to www.osiadenver.org
and click on "Application"**

Why the Sons of Italy Denver Lodge? How can you promote our organization?

Try discussing these highlights:

- The Order Sons of Italy in America is the largest and oldest national organization for men and women of Italian heritage in the United States.
- Founded in 1905 as a mutual aid society for the early Italian immigrants, today OSIA has more than 600,000 members and supporters and a network of more than 650 chapters coast to coast, making it the leading service and advocacy organization for the nation's estimated 26 million people of Italian descent.
- Its missions include encouraging the study of Italian language and culture in American schools and universities; preserving Italian American traditions, culture, history and heritage; and promoting closer cultural relations between the United States and Italy.
- Since 1958, the Denver Lodge has been uniting Americans of Italian decent and making a difference in the community.
- More than just a social club, the Denver Lodge has donated thousands of dollars to local and national charities, held more events than can be named and has been responsible for numerous friendships.

2010 Calendar of Upcoming Events

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 - Social & Initiation

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

Dinner - 6:30pm

Meeting - 7:00pm

Friday, 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 and lunch in addition to prizes. Call Ernie Marrantino to register your foursome or just yourself.

Shotgun Start at 7:00am

Saturday, August 21st

Wheat Ridge Carnation Parade

Starts at 10:00am, meet at the lodge at 8:30am.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 15th

General Meeting

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

Dinner - 6:30pm

Meeting - 7:00pm

Saturday, September 18th

Fashion Show

We hope you can join us at the Denver Lodge fashion show. The latest styles will be presented by models from our own lodge. Please call sister Linda Wilder at 303-465-3535 if you'd like to participate or for more information.

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 9th

Columbus Day Parade

Starts at 10:00am

This years 2010 Denver Columbus Day Parade will mark the 103rd Anniversary of the Columbus parade here in Colorado. The parade route will remain the same as last year. Check the website at www.columbusdayparade.org for event schedules, current and back issues of the newsletter, photo archives, committee contact info, etc.

Wednesday, October 20th

General Meeting

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

Dinner - 6:30pm

Meeting - 7:00pm

**Mark your calendars
for these future events**

**November 6th and 7th
Craft Fair**

**December 11th
Lodge Christmas Party**

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