



# LA PAROLA

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## Taking it to the Streets

Although art has always been something that is a part of him, it wasn't until Brandon Finamore met his high school art teacher and fellow Denver Italian, Franky Scaglione that he began to take art seriously. Before high school, he had always known he had a talent, but was never truly given the chance to let it run free. Through Franky's help, Brandon has been featured in a multitude of different art competitions including the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, which his piece took on an honorable mention, and the championship district-wide Jefferson County Art Exhibit, in which he was fortunate enough to have not one, but two pieces accepted.

"This summer has certainly been one of the biggest highlights that I've had in the many years I've been an artist. I was the youngest participant to be featured in the Denver Chalk Art Festival, as a professional participating artist. Although my other works primarily steer toward fine arts such as painting and drawing for the gallery setting, the chalk fest simply gave me another opportunity to explore a new medium and style. It's such an amazing festival in the sense that it gives people the opportunity to see how the art is created. So often, viewers are only able to see the finished product, but are never aware of what it takes to get a piece to reach that final point."

Brandon's piece in the show was a 6' x 6' drawing of Bill Watterson's classic comic strip characters, Calvin and Hobbes, standing on top of the world in their explorer uniforms.

Brandon is a recent graduate of Wheat Ridge High School, a recipient of a Denver Lodge Scholarship, and a recipient of the Grand Lodge of Colorado Scholarship. He is also the grandson of member Duke Finamore. Brandon hopes to attend DU this fall and plans to become a high school teacher.



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### 2008-2010 Lodge Officers

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## Health & Condolences

### Get Well Wishes

Sister Juliana Del Piccolo fractured her ankle and has had surgery.  
Brother Carmine Lonardo had heart surgery.  
Sister Joey Regan had surgery.  
Please remember Brother Jerry Brunetti in your prayers

### Deepest Sympathy

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

Sister Mary Ann Dominguez's mother has passed away.  
Sisters Lorraine Dire & Lucille Zupancic's brother  
Vince La Guardia 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.*

## 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 p.m. for lunch and discussion. Please notify sister Dorine Garrimone 303-421-4505 if you have questions or if you are planning on attending, so we will know how many will be there for lunch.

In September the Book Club will discuss *Dance Upon the Air* by Nora Roberts. September reading is *Eat Pray Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert and will discuss this book in October. October reading is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett and it will be discussed in November.

## Food Drive Continues

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

## Attendance Prize

August attendance prize was won by sister Linda Wilder. 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.

## General Meeting, September 15th

Meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and meeting to follow.

## 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](http://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.

## A Message from the President



August started off with our annual picnic. We had a great turnout with plenty of food, drinks and games. Once again we had Xcel Energy bring their grills and cook our sausage and hamburgers. Brandon Finamore painted faces and Krystal Canino held games for those of all ages. Sisters Doris Bongiovanni, Rose Foster along with brother Jake Regan held the cake walk while sister Anne Ciancio held the raffle. I even saw sister Ranie Engdahl and brother Leo Allmendinger dancing to the tunes of Frank Sinatra. Thank you to all the volunteers that used their vehicles to bring all of the food and equipment to the park and then take it all back again. You are very much appreciated.

The weather was perfect, the golf course was beautiful, and our annual golf tournament was held at Hyland Hills Golf Course on August 20th. We could not have asked for a more perfect day. Thanks to brother Ernie Marranzino and sisters Linda Wilder and Anne Ciancio for a fun filled day.

Many of our members got up early on Saturday morning to join in on the Carnation Parade. We had a full float along with walkers; our State President John Carochi brought some of his fellow brothers from the Southern Colorado Lodge with their Sicilian Cart from Pueblo to join us. Some of our junior members were asked to ride in the cart and had a great time. Once again brother Russell Canino sang along the parade route and drew excitement from the crowd. Thank you to all who got up so early to support the Denver Lodge and participate in the parade.

The marketing committee will be working the information booth at the Festival Italiano on Sept. 11th from 2-3 p.m. and 12th from 1-2 p.m. September 18th will bring a fashion show and breakfast for our members and guests. Many of our members will be modeling styles from Dress Barn and having a delicious breakfast from Biscuits and Berries. The Book Club will be sponsoring the Fashion Show and will be holding a book sale as well. All proceeds from the book sale will stay with the lodge. Any and all books not sold will be donated to local assisted living facilities and senior centers.

Please join us for the September general meeting when brother Phil Rossi will speak to us about his home in Italy and what it takes to grow olives for olive oil. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally,

Pam Wright, President

## Sons of Italy to Help Rebuild Center For Children with Autism in L'Aquila, Italy

Washington, D.C. - August 10, 2010 The Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF), the philanthropic arm of the Order Sons of Italy in America, will present approximately \$235,000 in September to Fondazione Il Cireneo Onlus per L'Autismo to rebuild a center for children with autism in L'Aquila, Italy.

The presentation will take place during a visit to the region by Sons of Italy leadership and comes nearly a year and a half after a devastating 6.3 earthquake struck Italy's Abruzzo region, destroying much of the ancient town of L'Aquila, including the center, and other villages.

"When the earthquake hit, we knew immediately what we had to do. Within hours, we organized a fund-raising campaign and our members and supporters stepped up to the task," said SIF President Vincent Sarno. "Upon hearing about the destruction of the Fondazione Il Cireneo center in L'Aquila, we saw the opportunity to make a significant impact on a very special group of children and their families."

Fondazione Il Cireneo Onlus per L'Autismo is a non-profit organization that has established and operates four centers for children and young adults with autism in the Abruzzo region. The foundation was formed by a group of parents who thought centers, rather than institutions, could better help their children with autism. For more information about Fondazione Il Cireneo, visit [www.fondazioneilcireneo.it](http://www.fondazioneilcireneo.it). (Note: This website is in Italian.)

## CORATOR'S CORNER



by Brother Tony Iozzo  
Orator, Denver Lodge #2075

At the last general meeting, we welcomed new members to our lodge. In a time when other fraternal organizations are losing members, we are fortunate to have a steady increase in new membership. To our new members I ask that you become involved with our lodge by participating in some of the celebrations and events we have each year. Before the end of the year, for example, we will be present at the Festival Italiano; the Columbus Day celebration; host our fashion show, the annual craft fair, the lodge adult Christmas party and children's party, and others. If you would just commit to helping at one of these events, you will help keep our lodge strong. We also have ongoing events such as bingo sessions, refreshments at the monthly meetings, finding speakers for our meetings, book club, etc. If you still are not motivated, please talk to any of our council members or trustees and suggest an event or activity that would interest you. Again, welcome to our lodge. We look forward to working with you at one of these events.

In May, during a visit to the United States and a special appearance at the SIF's National Educational & Leadership Awards Gala, Italian President Giorgio Napolitano extended his appreciation to the Sons of Italy for its efforts to help the rebuilding in Abruzzo.

"I want to take this occasion to praise all of you particularly for the great moral and financial support that you have provided for the tragic earthquake in Abruzzo last year," said Napolitano, addressing the crowd of nearly 1,000 Sons of Italy members and supporters. "You belong to an organization of ancient and noble traditions which reflects the best of Italian values."

The Sons of Italy also recently announced its plan to raise money for the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism, Inc., which promotes awareness and improves the quality of life for individuals with autism and their families in the United States.

Established in 1959, the SIF has contributed more than \$110 million to medical research and support, scholarships, cultural preservation, disaster relief, and other projects. To learn more or make a donation, visit [www.osia.org/sif](http://www.osia.org/sif).

If you would like to donate to this or any of the charities recognized by the Sons of Italy or scholarship program, you may do so by sending your check to the OSIA Colorado Foundation, P.O. Box 1231, Arvada, CO 80001. Write on the memo line which charity you would like to support. Your donation to the Colorado Foundation is tax deductible.

# Fashion Show

Saturday, September 18th, 2010  
Denver Lodge Hall  
Breakfast 10:30am

Catered by Biscuits and Berries

\$15 if you pre-order your ticket  
\$18 at the door

To reserve your ticket,  
call Linda Wilder at 303-465-3535  
or Anne Ciancio at 303-235-9398

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# Spaghetti Dinner



Sunday, October 3rd, 2010  
Denver Lodge Hall  
Noon - 5:30pm

Adults \$8  
Kids 4-12 \$5  
Kids 3 and Under FREE

Featuring Antipasta, Salad, Spaghetti,  
a Meatball, a Piece of Sausage, Garlic  
Bread, Wine, Soft Drinks & Dessert

Don't Miss It! Mangia!



# 8th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair at the Denver Lodge Hall

Saturday, November 6th, 9am to 5pm  
and  
Sunday, November 7th, 9am to 3pm

Everyone is Welcome and Admission is FREE!  
Food will be available  
and don't miss the ever popular Bake Sale

Please bring non-perishable food items for our food drive.  
For more information call 720-394-1254 or 303-949-1845  
5925 West 32nd Avenue Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80212

## 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](http://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

## 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 for more information.

## OCTOBER

**Sunday, October 3rd**

### **Spaghetti Dinner**

**Starts at Noon**

Bring your family and friends to this traditional Italian meal including salad, pasta, sausage, meatballs, dessert, wine, bread and more.

**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](http://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**

## NOVEMBER

**Saturday & Sunday,**

**November 6th & 7th**

### **Craft Fair**

**Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 9am - 3pm**

Please join us for our 8th annual lodge craft fair. Just in time to get a head start on your Christmas shopping, the craft fair offers a wide selection of gifts for all ages. Don't miss it!

**Saturday, November 13th**

### **Bella Notte Dinner Dance**

It's guaranteed to be a beautiful night at this annual fall dinner dance.

**Wednesday, November 17th**

### **General Meeting**

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

**Dinner - 6:30pm**

**Meeting - 7:00pm**

**Mark your calendars  
for these future events**

**December 11th  
Lodge Christmas Party**

**Order Sons of Italy in America**

**Denver Lodge #2075**

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