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October 2010

The Denver Lodge Shows Off the Latest in Fashion

Denver Lodge members hit the runway sporting the latest fashions in woman's clothing. Accompanied by their escorts, the ladies walked the runway a gave a twirl to show those in attendance two different outfits. Linda Wilder and her committee did a wonderful job putting this event together. It was the next best thing to the fashion show in Paris.



It's a Hit! ScripNow! Users Rave

Scrip recently surveyed the first 1,000 users of their exciting new service, ScripNow!, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive! An unbelievable 78% said they were Extremely Satisfied overall with their recent ScripNow! experience, and another 19% said they were Satisfied. 85% said they were Extremely Likely to purchase ScripNow! again. Survey respondents also added hundreds of positive comments about this exciting new way to purchase scrip immediately.

Here's the important part for our lodge: 55% of purchasers said they were Unlikely, or Extremely Unlikely to have waited for a plastic card through their organization's scrip program. This means incremental sales for your program!

Help our lodge by purchasing scrip. You can log onto www.shopwithscrip.com. It only takes a minute to register. Our enrollment code is CL42493324343. If you do not have access to the internet you can call Pam at 303-420-2671 and she will order for you. King Soopers and Safeway cards are available at the lodge. The King Soopers cards are re-loadable, the Safeway cards are not.

It's Official, We Have an Eagle! Congratulations Brother Michael Kutz!



Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). A Scout who attains this rank is called an Eagle Scout or Eagle. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than 2 million young men. The title of Eagle Scout is held for life, thus giving rise to the phrase "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle". Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout Oath and Law, performing community service, and exhibiting leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Eagle Scouts are presented with a medal and a badge that visibly recognize the Scout's accomplishments.

**October is Italian American Heritage Month!
Do Something to Honor Your Ancestors.**

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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

Sister Mickie Clayton has been in the hospital.
Brother Frank Palmeri was hospitalized and is improved.
Sister Karen Buffalo will be having surgery.

Deepest Sympathy

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

Brother Paul Ewing passed away.
Dorothy Butterfield, sister of Elaine Gerk 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.
September reading is *Eat Pray Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert and we
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

September's attendance prize was won by brother Rocky Germano.
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, October 20th

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

URGENT! We need Bingo callers!

We are in desperate need of callers for bingo. If you can spare a few
hours a month please contact sister Pat Salvucci at 303-235-8466.



When Fall Weather Puts You in the Mood to Cook...

Don't forget that we still have cookbooks
available. What sets this cookbook apart from
others is that it's made up of recipes from actual
lodge members so you know they'll be good.
For only \$20 and with over 150 recipes, that's a
bargain. Your appetite will thank you.

Arts & Craft Fair November 6th & 7th

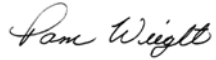
Call sister Karen Buffalo now to reserve your space 720-394-1254.
Volunteers are needed for Saturday & Sunday. We especially
need baked items for the bake sale. Pizzelles are a favorite, please
package them in 12 per package. See the ad in this newsletter for
more information.

A Message from the President

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. Due to the upcoming Columbus Day Holiday, I am submitting this article written by Rich SaBell. Rich is a member of the Denver Lodge and the President of the Columbus Day Parade committee. Please join the Denver Lodge on October 9th for the parade, we will have our float ready and I really would like to fill it with our members. See inside this issue for more events coming up such as spaghetti dinner on the 3rd of October. I look forward to seeing you at all of our upcoming fall events.

Fraternally,



Pam Wright, President

No Reason to Change by Rich SaBell



Every once in awhile, to appease imagined opposition, someone suggests changing the name of Columbus Day to something more generic like Italian Pride or Italian Heritage Day. In recent years it has become trendy, by some, to twist Columbus's "Discovery of America" into something of ridicule and blame. The real story of Columbus, when one takes the time, is truly more amazing and more robust than imagined.

The historical significance of Christopher Columbus is undeniable. In an era when all the seafaring nations were exploring the known world, the discovery of the Americas was inevitable. Some quibble over the term discover, as the Americas were already populated, but the fact is that this is the moment in history when these two cultures became aware of the other. Some like to say Columbus was lost, and in a way this is true. But remember, he was exploring, nobody knew where he was! In 1492, Christopher Columbus knew as much as there was to know about the known world. His beliefs about his locations were based on a multitude of sources and experience. He went to sea as a teenager and rose from ship's boy to commander. His education included Latin, mathematics, accounting, and cartography. His knowledge of mapmaking was further enhanced by his younger brother Bartolome, whose success as a nautical chart maker made the Columbus brothers the leading experts of cartographical knowledge of their time.

In the extreme, some say Columbus and his men were racist, accusing them of genocide and slavery. This exaggeration is harmful, misleading, and inaccurate. It is important to remember that Columbus and his fellow sailors interacted with dozens of unique and independent tribes. Some were friendly and some were not. Interaction was as varied as the individuals themselves. Often the natives initiated contact and dictated the course of events. In Cuba, the people were friendly and happy to see Columbus, even swimming out to the ship. On the fourth voyage, when Columbus and his men were rescued from shipwreck, the Arawak people

CORATOR'S RNER

by Brother Tony Iozzo
Orator, Denver Lodge #2075

Next month, we will nominate a slate of nominees for officers for the 2010-2011 term. Please attend this important meeting, as we will again nominate officers and trustees to lead us for the next two years. We also have the opportunity to vote for candidates for state, local and national offices. As members of our lodge, we believe in the concept of fraternity and brotherhood and take seriously our obligation to vote in these elections. We believe that the state was created to serve its citizens and not vice-versa. We state this when inducting new members to our lodge. Our ancestors held sacred the duty and privilege of voting for the candidate of their choice. Please take this obligation seriously and vote on Election Day.

wept at their departure. Conversely, a seafaring tribe of coastal pirates attacked Columbus and his men on sight. Other tribes like the Canibs and Caribs were cannibals who waged war on the tribes around them and then ate their captives.

Being held captive by anyone in 1492 was never pleasant. Slavery was commonplace among both Europeans and indigenous Americans. Well documented by Martin Dugard in *The Last Voyage of Columbus* and by Charles Mann in his book *1491, New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus*, the existing conditions in the Americas for a captive could range from assimilation to torture, death, and ingestion. When Columbus sent his envoy Diego Mendez to speak to the local cacique, the hut of the cacique was surrounded by the heads of 300 dead warriors. The Inka controlled a huge empire with Thupa Inka compared, by Charles Mann, to Alexander the Great and Ghengis Khan in terms of area conquered over a lifetime. Mann further calls the Inka "audacious, brutal, and efficient... removing entire populations from their homelands." Columbus and his men undoubtedly took captives during conflict, as did the entire world in the fifteenth century. In this regard Columbus and his men are no better or no worse than their contemporaries. Taking prisoners of war and their subsequent treatment is still a controversial subject even now.

Colorado has a proud and unique place in history as the first state to celebrate Columbus Day in 1907. In 1909, Colorado was the first state to hold a Columbus Day parade in Pueblo. In 1971 Columbus Day became a National American holiday. From then until now, the Celebration of Columbus Day across the nation has honored generations of Italian American families and their considerable contributions to this country. A holiday tradition that is as American as apple pie and pasta fagioli, passed on to us with pride from our grandparents and great grandparents. The one day of the year when Italian American communities across the Nation celebrate a National Holiday that celebrates us. To the Italian American community, the significance of celebrating Columbus Day can be compared to that of Saint Patrick's Day to Irish Americans and Martin Luther King Day to African Americans. Anything less, any diminishing of Columbus Day diminishes the Italian American community as a whole. Any sacrifice of our tradition, our dignity, and our pride as Italian Americans, is a slap in the face of our families. Columbus was a man of his time, an honorable man, a man of God, and a man of family whose singular knowledge and personal determination made him a very unique and admirable individual. It is important not to hold Columbus responsible for actions taken by others.

Order Sons of Italy in America, Denver Lodge★
presents★



An Evening of Dinner & Dancing

Saturday, November 13th, 2010

6:30pm Cocktails, 7:00pm Dinner

Dancing to Follow

\$30

Jacket Recommended

Denver Lodge Hall
5925 West 32nd Avenue
Wheat Ridge

For tickets call Anne Ciancio at 303-235-9308



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
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

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 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. Call Sister Anne for tickets at 303-235-9308.

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

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 18th Breakfast with Santa

Bring your children, grandchildren or great grandchildren to the lodge for a delicious breakfast with all the fixings and they'll even get a chance to meet the man with the beard & the big red hat!

Saturday, December 11th Adult Christmas Party

A yearly tradition at the Denver lodge. Come celebrate the season with great food and dancing. Buon Natale!

Wednesday, December 15th General Meeting Potluck

Join us for our monthly meeting open to all members and guests. We'll dispense with the meeting so that we can enjoy foods of all kinds.

Bring a coworker.

Meeting - 7:00pm

Dinner - 7:30pm

Mark your calendars
for these future events

December 11th
Lodge Christmas Party

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