

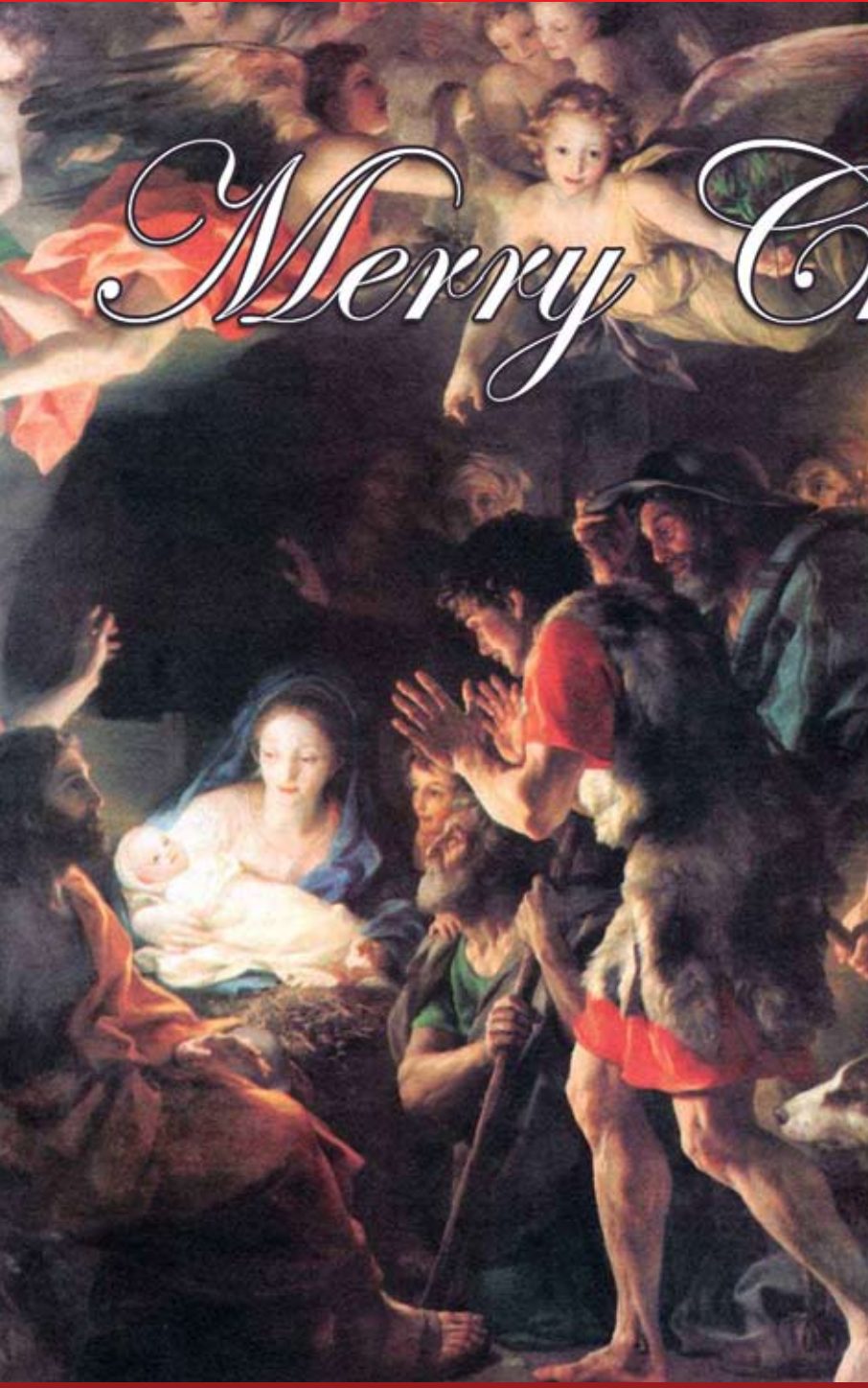


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Merry Christmas



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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
Vice President Ofie Zarlengo	Trustee John Capone	Historian Doug Wilder
Past President Dominic LoSasso	Trustee Mario Del Piccolo	Mistress of Ceremonies Josephine Haas
Orator Tony Iozzo	Trustee Larry Elio	Mistress of Ceremonies Andrea Buffalo Thomas
Financial Secretary Linda Wilder	Trustee Rich Newton	Chaplain Lillian Lombardi
Treasurer Paul LoNigro	Trustee Nikki Rossi	

Health & Condolences

Get Well Wishes

Please remember sister Karen Buffalo in your prayers.

Deepest Sympathy

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

Sister Gloria DeFrange passed away.

Connie Gillette sister of Ofie Zarlengo 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 every 1st Tuesday of the month 12:00 noon. In
December, the discussion will center around *The Lucky One* by
Nicholas Sparks. December reading for January discussion is
Promise Me by James Patterson. Call Dorine Garrimone for more
information

December General Meeting Pot Luck

Our annual Christmas pot luck will take place at the December
general meeting. Due to the success of our Thanksgiving feast, Fred,
Fred, Gary, John, Rocky and George will be cooking a traditional
Christmas Eve dinner. The main course will be furnished by the
lodge.

Please follow the listing below for your dish

If your last name begins with:

A thru F - bring an appetizer

G thru M - bring a vegetable or vegetable salad (not lettuce salad)

S thru Z - bring a dessert

Giving Tree

Sister Pam Farrone and Sister Lisa Cavalli have set up the Giving
Tree with the Family Tree this year. You will be able to take a name
for gift giving at our general meeting. There are a lot of families that
have fallen upon hard time right now, we can help make Christmas
a little brighter for the children. The deadline has been extended to
Monday, December 20th so bring your unwrapped gifts to the lodge
when you're there for the Christmas party or breakfast with Santa.

Canned Food Drive

The junior members have once again held a successful canned food
drive. If you haven't had a chance to donate you can still bring in
your non-perishable food to the December meeting. This year the
food will be going to the Wheat Ridge Food Bank.

Back by Popular Demand

The Bella Notte Chorus will be singing at the Adult Christmas party.
If you are interested in participating, there will be a rehearsal on
Thursday, December 9th at 7:30pm at the lodge. Contact sister Lucia
Wilke at 303-986-9612 with any questions.

Go Green

Would you like to get your newsletter by email? If so, please send
an email to kutzalo@gmail.com. If you know of someone not
getting the newsletter please let sister Linda Wilder know 303-465-
3535 or she can be reached at dwilder168@comcast.net.

A Message from the President



Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I would like to thank the current officers for their hard work and dedication over the last two years. We had some ups and downs but all in all we accomplished quite a lot. We have been maintaining a strong membership and making small increases as each year passes.

You will all be receiving an invoice for 2011 dues the first part of January. At the November meeting a motion was made and passed to raise dues by \$5 a year. Our dues for 2011 will be \$50 and all new incoming members will pay a \$15 one time admission fee. All lifetime members are being asked to pay their per capita which each local lodge pays to the National and Grand Lodge. Lifetime members will continue to receive their Denver Lodge membership at no charge. Currently, our per capita is \$31 per person per year. The National has been raising our per capita by \$1.50 per person annually for the past four years and will continue to do so until the next national convention in 2011. At that time it will most likely go before the delegates again for another increase. The Grand Lodge per capita has remained the same since its inception. As you can see from the above figures it is difficult to pay the per capita for lifetime members on the amount that the Denver Lodge charges for dues. I hope you understand that it was extremely difficult to go the general assembly and ask to raise the dues and especially hard to ask lifetime members to pay their per capita. I had hoped that our events would bring in enough money to cover these expenses but we are not getting enough participation at events to cover the added increases.

Although, we have made some dramatic improvements in cutting our costs regarding monthly expenses it is still costly to maintain a comfortable environment. I promise you that we will continue to work toward lowering all of our costs while maintaining the dignity and integrity of our facility.

We have two avenues of income to help with the expenses. The first is bingo which brings in a steady income. Not always in big numbers but steady. The second is hall rental. This brings in a nice amount but is not steady. We have several events booked for the coming year and hopefully word of mouth will bring in more each month. We look to you, our members for continued support at all of our events as well.

Our veterans were honored at our general meeting in November and what a nice time to share a Thanksgiving dinner with them. Thank you to Fred Marzano, Gary Caprito, Rocky Germano, George Vendegna, John Gargano, and Fred Mauro for preparing a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner for our general meeting.

The officers for the 2011 year were elected and I wish each and every one of them success in the coming year. I hope to see all of you at our upcoming events this month.

Merry Christmas,

Pam Wright

Pam Wright, President

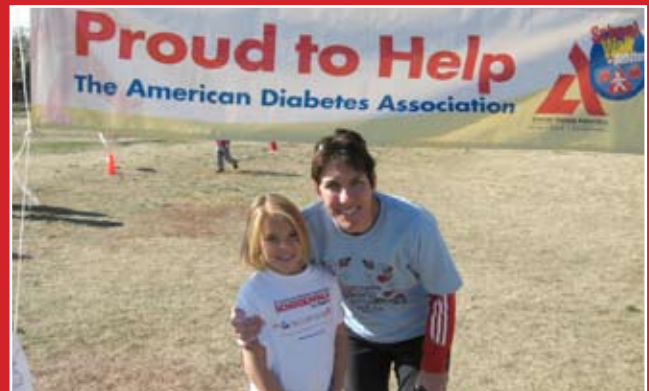
Installation of New Officers

The installation of the new officers will take place at the January general meeting. Due to the timing of our installation and an effort to save our members the expense of a dinner dance, the installation of officers will take place at the general meeting. A vote was taken at the November meeting and was passed for 2011 installation. We hope to have many members present to welcome the incoming officers and thank the outgoing officers for job well done. All outgoing officers will be part of the ceremony.

Here are Your Lodge Officers for 2011-2012

Pam Wright	President
Ofie Zarlengo	Vice President
Tony Iozzo	Orator
Dorothea Daddato	Recording Secretary
Paul LoNigro	Treasurer
Linda Wilder	Financial Secretary
Dominic LoSasso	Immediate Past President
MaryAnne Dominquez	Trustee
William Rizzi	Trustee
Lucia Wilkie	Trustee
Michael Garioto	Trustee
Dorine Garrimone	Trustee
Matt Vergano	Historian
Josephine Haas	Mistress of Ceremonies
Elizabeth Hartley	Mistress of Ceremonies
John Callor	Guard
Ricardo Bongiovanni	Arbitrator
Nikki Rossi	Arbitrator
John Capone	Arbitrator
Mario DelPiccolo	Arbitrator
Rich Mauro	Arbitrator

Member Spotlight - Sarah Regan



Amy Gregston PE teacher at Vanderhoof elementary and sponsor of the Diabetes Walk pictured with Sarah Regan.

Congratulations to junior member sister Sarah Regan. Sarah set out on a quest to help with the American Diabetes Association school fund raiser. She participated in the Walk for Diabetes at Vanderhoof Elementary and collected \$500. Sarah was one of two girls that brought in top dollars. Way to go Sarah!!!

Join us for Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 18th



Please fill out the form below for those attending and remember your child or grand child must be 10 or under to receive a gift from Santa.

Breakfast will begin at 10:00am. Santa will arrive shortly thereafter.

Member Name _____

Child(ren) 10 and Under

Name _____ Age _____ Gender _____

Name _____ Age _____ Gender _____

Name _____ Age _____ Gender _____

Name _____ Age _____ Gender _____

Name _____ Age _____ Gender _____

Name _____ Age _____ Gender _____

\$8.00 for those 11 and over

\$8.00 x _____ = _____

All checks must be included with reservations!
Thank you and we look forward to seeing you and your family!

Please fill out the form and return it as soon as possible to:
Nikki Rossi, 680 South Yarrow Street, Lakewood 80226

**NO reservations will be accepted after December 10, 2010. No exceptions,
Santa has to make sure he has enough gifts and will not be able to do any last minute shopping.
Thank you for your cooperation.**

Christmas Activity

Adult Christmas Party

Saturday, December 11th, 2010

Cocktails 6:30pm, Dinner 7:00pm, Dancing 8:00pm

\$20 Donation Per Person

Catered by Rossi's Catering, Music by Magic Moments

Semi-Formal, Coat and Tie Recommended

Denver Lodge Hall, 5925 West 32nd Avenue, Wheat Ridge

Call Sister Anne Ciancio for tickets 303-235-9308

Christmas Fact



Did You Know?

Bagpipes are the most common Italian Christmas sound. The zampognari, the shepherds who play the bagpipes, come down from their mountain homes at Christmas time and perform in the market squares. The playing of bagpipes is popular in the regions of Calabria and Abruzzo, and in the piazzas of Rome. The melodies played are adapted from old hill tunes. Modern zampognari wear the traditional outfits of sheepskin vests, leather breeches, and a woolen cloak. The tradition of bagpipes goes back to ancient Roman times. Legend says that the shepherds entertained the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem. Today, the zampognari perform their own private pilgrimage, stopping before every shrine to the Madonna and every Nativity scene.

Christmas Gift Ideas



Lodge Cookbooks Ready to be Wrapped

Make sure you get your Denver Lodge cookbook for \$20 and pick up a copy as a gift. They make great Christmas gifts. Cookbooks can be picked up at the hall or call Pam at 303-420-2671.



Shop with Scrip

Don't forget you can help earn money for our lodge by order your gift cards on line or calling Pam 303-420-2671 and placing an order. Plan your Christmas gift card selection early. King Soopers gift cards and Safeway gift cards are available at the hall.

Christmas Recipe

Sour Cream Twists

Submitted by Grace Accomasso/Elaine Martinelli
Taken from our cookbook *Recipes & Remembrances*

3 1/2 cups sifted flour	3/4 cups thick sour cream
1 tsp. salt	1 tsp. vanilla
1 cube of butter	1 pkg. dry yeast
1 cube margarine	1/4 cup water
2 whole eggs	1 cup sugar for rolling in dough

Sift flour and salt. Cut in margarine and butter. Dissolve yeast in warm water. Mix into flour mixture with eggs, sour cream and vanilla. Cover with damp cloth and refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight. Divide dough and roll 1/2 on a sugared board into an oblong pan. Sprinkle with sugar. Fold 1/3 way across, then the other 1/3 and sprinkle with sugar. Repeat this 3 times. Roll 1/4 inch thick, cut into strips. Twist in opposite direction. Put onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes at 375 degrees. Remove from baking sheet immediately. Repeat for remainder of dough.

2010 Calendar of Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 11th

Adult Christmas Party

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

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!

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

JANUARY 2011

Wednesday, January 19th

General Meeting

Installation of 2011-2012 Officers

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

Dinner - 6:30pm

Meeting - 7:00pm

FEBRUARY 2011

Wednesday, February 16th

General Meeting

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

Dinner - 6:30pm

Meeting - 7:00pm

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