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Meet Brother Matt Vergano

Brother Matt is proud to be 100% Italian. His family had come from Sicily and Fubine. Fubine is in the Piedmont Region near Alessandria in Northwest Italy. Brother Matt is a Colorado native and was born in Denver. His older brother Justin and father Joe are also members of our lodge.

Matt grew up in Lakewood, and said he didn't get into much trouble as a child, "I kept my nose clean, but I was a kid." His fraternal grandparents moved from New York to Denver to be close to the family. They had Sunday family dinners with his grandparents. His maternal grandparents lived on the East Coast, but came to Colorado for visits.

He attended Bear Creek High School and was a photographer for the school newspaper. He enjoys fishing, camping, skiing and snowboarding. He has done scuba diving in the past and is a 1st degree Black Belt in karate and learned karate from his stepfather.

Matt said he is very close to his family. His dad, Joe, is his best friend. He works with his dad at Lakewood Glass & Windows Company, the family business. They sell windows, storefront doors, and reglaze glass. He also helps his brother Justin, who is very involved with the second family business All Things Italian. You can see them at our craft fair and the Italian Festival.

Matt is a newlywed, and was married on August 21, 2010. He met his bride, Diana, when he was working in Breckenridge driving a bus and being a DJ. He went into a local bar, "where they knew me and would feed me." Diana was with a friend while on vacation from college in Texas. They were the only people in the bar, and she began to throw coasters at Matt. A girl has to get a guy's attention somehow! Diana is a Quality Manager at a machine shop where they make aerospace parts and Harley-Davidson parts.

Brother Matt is our lodge historian, is on the lodge rental committee, and tends bar at events. Thanks for all you do for our lodge, brother Matt.

Piacere brother Matt!



**Don't Miss the Annual Spring Bocce Tournament Saturday, May 14th
and the Annual Lodge Scholarship Night on Wednesday, June 15th
See Inside 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.

2011-2012 Lodge Officers

President Pam Wright	Past President Dominic LoSasso	Historian Matt Vergano
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Health & Condolences

Deepest Sympathy

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

Get Well Wishes

Our thoughts and prayers are with sister Helen Phillips.
Sister Elizabeth Sandeman is recovery from a fall & surgery.
Brother Paolo Cerrone was in the hospital and is home recuperating.
Sister Mary Malpiede continues to recover from injury and surgery.
Brother Rocco Germano was in the hospital and is recovering.

Condolences

Tony Caruso, father of brother Jerry Caruso passed away.
Sister Venita Hedberg passed away on April 7. Venita was the
mother of sister Anita Moreland. Sister Venita was the 500th
member of our lodge.

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.

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Sunday Fellowship

We continue to meet at the lodge every Sunday at 2 p.m.

Attendance Prize

Brother John Capone won the attendance prize and donated it to the junior food drive. Several members also won Easter Lilies.

The Arvada Center

The Arvada Center has offered to give our lodge a discount group rate for those attending their events. Please see President Pam if you're interested in getting a group together.

Book Club

Book club meets every 1st Tuesday of the month. Please join us for lunch and great conversation. The book we are reading in April is *Knock Out* by Catherine Coulter. Call Dorine Garrimone for more information 303-421-4505.

Scrip

King Soopers and Safeway cards can be purchased at the lodge. King Soopers cards are re-loadable and will continue to help our lodge each time you reload the card. Please help by purchasing one of these cards.

Congratulations



Brother Michael Garioto and his wife Carrie are the proud parents of Nicholas Anthony, born on April 8 at 8:08 a.m., weighing in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces. He was 19.5 inches long. Mom and baby are doing great! Sofia likes him too!

Also, Congratulations to brother Gary Capritta and sister Elizabeth Capritta. They are the new grandparents of a baby girl.

A Message from the President



Brothers and Sisters,

We have been busy at the lodge the last few months. Holding events and working on the bocce courts getting ready for our annual bocce tournament. If you haven't signed up to play there is still time. You can either fill out the form enclosed or call brothers Mario DelPiccolo or Tony Iozzo for the form. You

can also print a form off of the website www.osiadenver.org.

Our annual spaghetti dinner was held in March which is always a lot of fun. All of the convention delegates worked this event which will help to cover the cost of the delegate packages. The delegates that were elected will be attending the convention in Pueblo this June. The convention committee is promising us a great weekend.

Our 53rd Anniversary was celebrated with a county western dance. Sister Ofie Zarlengo and brother William Rizzi made the evening a special night for all in attendance. Although everyone there had a great time, I was disappointed in the attendance for this event. Fifty three years is a long time and our hall should have been full of members. We will continue to celebrate our anniversary, no matter what the attendance is, but if you want to see the Denver Lodge continue to grow and succeed as it has done in the past, you, our members, need to support our functions. I do understand that times may be hard for some of us, but this is the perfect time for you to give me input on what events you would like to see take place at our facility. Thank you sister Ofie and brother William and the committee that helped put this evening together.

The hall rental committee has been busy under the direction of brothers Phil Rossi and Matt Vergano. They have several dates booked for this year, so if there is some special event that you would like to see go on at the hall please let me know. I am open to any and all suggestions.

If your dues were not paid before April 1st you are in default. Your name will remain on the roster for this quarter and I hope that those of you that have not sent in your dues will send them in before the end of this quarter.

Brother John Gargano will be running a bus to Black Hawk in the near future. We will need at least 35 people to get the bus at no charge. The bus will hold up to 52 people; all are welcome including family and friends. The charge for anyone riding the bus will be \$10 which will include \$5 return from Casino (Lady Luck) and lunch. The membership voted to try a Sunday afternoon trip and possibly try a late Friday afternoon or early Friday evening trip. This would be another way in which you can support our lodge.

Pam Wright

Fraternally,
Pam Wright, President

CORATOR'S RNER



by Brother Tony Iozzo
Orator, Denver Lodge #2075

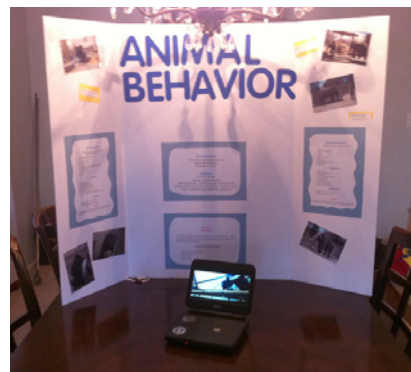
A Trustees Duties and Responsibilities

Section A. Trustees: In addition to the duties of the trustees as stated in Art 58 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws, the trustees shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Prior to taking office as newly installed trustees, the trustees shall elect, from among the trustees, a head trustee. If a vote is taken, in the event of a tie, then the member selected with the highest seniority in the lodge will be declared the head trustee. If no one is elected, then the president shall appoint a head trustee.
2. In cases of a vacancy in the head trustee position, the same process shall be followed to fill the head trustee position.
3. The trustees shall be the retention committee.

Michael Garioto was elected head trustee by the current 2011-2012 trustees.

Animal Behavior-Science Fair Project by Junior Member Peter LoSasso



Peter's Science Fair Project on Animal Behavior was 1 of 20 selected from his elementary school to go to the area Science Fair. Peter gave a great presentation at our last general meeting on his project. His hypothesis was "Who is more like a human, an ape or an elephant?" Surprisingly, the elephant is more like a human. He showed a video of an elephant painting a self portrait which was very interesting. Congratulations Peter!



Annual Spring Bocce Tournament

Saturday, May 14th, 2011
Denver Lodge Hall - 5925 West 32nd Avenue, Wheat Ridge

Registration 8:00am

Entry Fee \$120 per team of 4 players

Includes continental breakfast, lunch, beer, wine, soft drinks & coffee
Guaranteed two rounds of play, Cash Prizes

For more information, contact Mario Del Piccolo at 303-421-4109 or Tony Iozzo at 303-467-0274.

Don't Delay! Get Your Application in Today!

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SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

Every year our Denver Lodge #2075 reserves a special evening to honor outstanding graduates and award them with scholarships for their hard work and accomplishments. This year we will honor three students and grant them each a \$2,000 scholarship to be used at the college of their choice. Education is very important and the Denver Lodge encourages and promotes higher learning. All lodge members, relatives and friends of the graduates are invited to attend and celebrate this special evening in their honor. The ceremony will start shortly after a brief regular meeting on Wednesday, June 15th, at 6:30pm.



Happy Mother's Day

What is a Mother?

*A mother is someone to shelter and guide us,
To love us, whatever we do,
With a warm understanding and infinite patience
And wonderful gentleness, too.
How often a mother means swift reassurance
In soothing our small, childish fears,
How tenderly mothers watch over their children
And treasure them all through the years!
The heart of a mother is full of forgiveness
For any mistake, big or small,
And generous always in helping her family,
Whose needs she has placed above all.
A mother can utter a word of compassion
And make all our cares fall away,
She can brighten a home with the sound of her laughter
And make life delightful and gay.
A mother possesses incredible wisdom
And wonderful insight and skill -
In each human heart is that one special corner
Which only a mother can fill!*

Recipe of the Month - Mother's Day Bonnet Cake

Submitted by Sister Gina Kemper

Recipe courtesy of Sandra Lee Semi-Homemade Desserts, Miramax Books, 2003



Ingredients:

2 purchased angel food cakes
2 (16-ounce) containers vanilla frosting
4 feet white wired ribbon (about 2 inches wide)
Assorted edible fresh flowers, stems trimmed

Directions

Place 1 cake, wide side down, on serving platter. Spread a thin layer of frosting over top of cake. Cut 1 (2-inch) wide wedge from second cake. Spread 1/4 cup of frosting over cut ends of second cake. Bring cut ends of second cake together, pressing to adhere. Place second cake atop cake on platter. Tear cake wedge into cubes. Fill hole in center of cakes with cake cubes. Spread remaining frosting evenly over top and sides of cake to coat completely. Tie ribbon around cake and form bow. Arrange flowers decoratively around base of cake to resemble hat rim.

2011 Calendar of Upcoming Events

MAY

Saturday, May 14th
Annual Spring Bocce Tournament

Wednesday, May 18th

General Meeting

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

Dinner - 6:30pm

Meeting - 7:00pm

JUNE

Friday - Saturday, 3rd-4th
Ninth State Convention in Pueblo

Wednesday, June 15th

General Meeting

**Scholarship Night and
Initiation of New Members**

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

Dinner - 6:30pm

Meeting - 7:00pm

YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE

JULY

Sunday, 17th - General Meeting, Special Recognition for Life Time Members

AUGUST

Sunday, 7th - Denver Lodge Family Picnic - We need a chairman!

Sunday, 21st - Annual Golf Tournament at Hyland Hills

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, 4th - Prima Domenica Mass & Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sunday, 25th - Spaghetti Dinner

OCTOBER

Saturday, 8th - Columbus Day Parade through downtown Denver. Post Parade party will be held at the Denver Lodge.

Saturday, 15th - Columbus Day Celebration

NOVEMBER

Saturday - Sunday, 5th-6th - Annual Denver Lodge Craft Fair

Chairs: Karen Buffalo, Kathleen Williams and Andrea Buffalo Thomas

DECEMBER

Saturday, 10th - Adult Christmas Party - Chair Anne Ciancio

Saturday, 17th - Children's Christmas Party - Chairs Nikki Rossi and Janice Queen

Watch your LaParola for more events. Chairpersons are needed for some of the above listed events; if you would like to chair one of these events or work on the committee please call Anne Ciancio at 303-235-9308.

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