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**Order Sons of Italy  
Pikes Peak Lodge  
#2870**

## ***Benvenuti amici (Welcome Friends)***

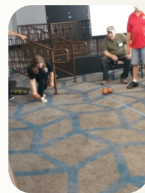
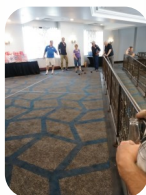
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## **State Convention**

This year's OSIA State Convention was hosted by our lodge at the Marriot Hotel. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the meeting/induction of new state officers went very well.

### ***Bocce Tournament***



Weather pushed us indoors, but we made do!

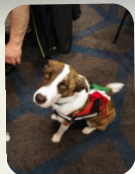


### ***Friday Night Gala***

Fabulous entertainment by Lila Mori and Trip Ziegler



Wonderful hors d'oeuvres



Fun and conversations



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## *Saturday meeting*



President Gina Knaack welcoming delegates and guests to the convention meeting.

Boy Scout Troop #53 Honor Guard presented the colors.



Senator Owen Hill gave a powerful speech to start off the meeting.



State Past President Dominic LoSasso (center) heading up the meeting. Orator Brother John Carochi (Top right) is our newly elected State President.

The convention meeting went well (except for the cooling issue) and the State officer elections went smoothly. Breakout session discussions were on fundraising, membership, culture, and Columbus Day preservation. Some of the highlights to come out of the breakout sessions were:

- Statewide membership increased by 15 members
- Social members can now be counted as members, but still cannot hold office
- Host free events to draw members (beer tasting at a brewery, or possibly host a concert).
- The need for lodges in distant areas
- The need to attract younger members and how to share the Italian/American influence with them. Some ideas were sponsor a soccer or Bocce league, putting historical facts on websites and accessing social media better
- Ideas for foundation fundraising—the best idea was “A Taste of Italy” dinner where all lodges would participate by preparing one item for the dinner. The dinner would take place in Denver.
- Next steps for the Columbus Day battle are speaking with the Colorado Commission of Native Americans and the need to stay one step ahead of Rep. Joe Salazar

## *Hospitality Suite she-nanigans!*



Yours truly had a little too much fun taking selfies!



Seating was limited, but that didn't stop us from enjoying ourselves!



## Upcoming Events:

<b>June 17th</b>	Sons of Italy/Star Wars night at Sky Sox 5:30. Contact Tony Rodasta at 260-8773 for tickets.	
<b>July 4th</b>	No July meeting!! Happy Fourth of July!	
<b>July 15th</b>	Bunco 2 pm	VFW 702 S. Tejon
<b>July 22nd</b>	Cripple Creek Bus. There are a few seats left. email: info@sonsofitalypp.com if you want to go. We will meet in the NW parking lot at Palmer Park and Academy at 10 am	
<b>August 1st</b>	5:30pm dinner, general mtg. 6:30pm	VFW 702 S. Tejon
<b>August 19</b>	Anniversary Dinner and scholarship awards presentation	See page 4
<b>September 5</b>	5:30pm dinner, general mtg. 6:30pm	VFW 702 S. Tejon
<b>September 16</b>	Lodge picnic , 1pm	Nancy Lewis Park
<b>September 24th</b>	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - Noon—5pm	Elks Lodge 3400 N. Nevada,
<b>October 3rd</b>	5:30pm dinner, general mtg. 6:30pm	VFW 702 S. Tejon
<b>October 14th</b>	Bunco 2 pm	VFW 702 S. Tejon
<b>October 28th</b>	Emma Crawford Coffin Races, 10am	Manitou Springs, CO
<b>Nov. 7th</b>	Veteran's Day Dinner 5:30pm dinner, general mtg. 6:30pm	VFW 702 S. Tejon
<b>Dec. 5th</b>	5:30pm dinner, general mtg. 6:30pm	VFW 702 S. Tejon
<b>Dec. 11</b>	Christmas Dinner—6pm	TBA



## Announcements/ Lodge Events/ Member news:

### Anniversary Dinner

The Anniversary Dinner is AUGUST 19 @ \$35.00 PER PERSON

There will be a sign-up sheet at the August meeting for those of you who have not signed up. Please be prepared to pay at the meeting (bring your checkbook)! Make checks out to Sons of Italy Lodge 2870 or if you are paying in cash please put it in an envelope with your name, number of those attending and the correct amount. Details of the dinner will be provided at the meeting. The dinner will be held at The Warehouse Restaurant, 25 West Cimarron Street. Menu to follow.

THANK YOU, EVENT COMMITTEE

### Territory Days!

Territory Days was a success! We signed up about 30 prospective members and had a lot of fun talking to folks!



We even had a couple of pirates show up!!



FYI: At our June 6th potluck, we had a couple of people show up from Territory Days and they are thinking of joining!!

If anyone has a 10 x 10 canopy we could use for Territory Days next year, that would be great! We would like to upsize from a 8 x 8 for next year. We sit too far back and the booths around us are big!

### Bunco!!!

May Bunco collected \$180 and \$120 of that went to the State Sons of Italy Foundation for our national charities and state scholarships. \$60 was paid out in prizes! Don't forget that the next Bunco is on July 15th and

### Member update

As many of you know, Sister Diane Varlesi was injured in an accident at home. She broke her wrist and fractured her pelvis. She wanted everyone to know that she is in much better spirits now that she finally has a bright purple cast on her arm!



## Fellow Lodge events:

### Denver Lodge 2075

**July 31st** - Joe Ciano Jr Golf Tournament Indian Tree Golf Course

[Download application/invitation](#)

### Royal Gorge Lodge #2866

**Sept. 8-9** 5th annual RGL Italian Festival on the Macon Plaza ( Led by Sons of Italy) 9th 7 pm til 10 pm , 10th - 10 am til 10 pm

## Recipe of the Month— Strawberry—Prosecco Granita (Wheat free)

*This delicious shaved ice is a great summer refresher. For maximum flavor, be sure to use strawberries at their peak of ripeness. Serve in tall shot glasses or vintage wineglasses*

### Ingredients:

1 cup water

1/2 cup sugar

1 cup pureed strawberries

1/4 cup prosecco

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the water and sugar, and bring to a boil. Let boil for 2 or 3 minutes, or until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from heat.
2. Stir in the strawberries and prosecco
3. Pour the mixture into a shallow, nonreactive baking pan or bowl. Place the pan in the freezer for 2 to 3 hours.
4. Remove from freezer. Using a fork, shave the ice into flakes. Spoon the shaved ice into shot glasses or shallow wineglasses. Freeze until you are ready to serve.

Makes 4 1/2 cup servings



**Taken from Small, Sweet, and Italian, Tiny, Tasty Treats  
from Sweet Maria's Bakery by Maria Bruscino Sanchez**

## Did you know?

Coca-Cola would be green if coloring wasn't added to it

The average person spends 6 months of their lifetime waiting on a red light to turn green.

A coyote can hear a mouse moving underneath a foot of snow.

More than 60,000 people are flying over the United States in an airplane right now.

<http://www.livin3.com/50-cool-and-weird-fun-facts-that-you-should-know>

## Buy a lodge shirt!



All colors of the Italian flag!



Polos	\$20 including embroidery
Hoodies	\$40 pullover \$45 Zippered
Patch	\$10 Large



You can also order a large patch for the back of your hoodie.

Contact Tony Rodasta for information at 719/ 260-8773

If you have any exciting news you would like to share or to contribute to a section, please send an email to one of the editors listed on the front and we will do our best to get it in the next publication. ***A presto !!!***

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