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

Ciao!

The challenge is on!! We currently have a membership drive running from April 7—August 4. The member who signs up the most new members will receive ONE free ticket to our Anniversary dinner on August 22nd! New member applications can be found on our website. (See last page for link)

Lodge Highlights:

Annual Scholarship Update

Applications for our Sons of Italy Lodge #2870 scholarships may be submitted through May 3, 2015. This year we are pleased to be awarding three \$750 scholarships to qualified high school seniors who are related to or a close friend of a member in good standing. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 15, 2015, and must be available to attend the Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Dinner on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at the VFW, 702 S. Tejon, Colorado Springs.

Members are encouraged to invite qualified high school seniors to apply! Scholarship Applications were included in an email to members last month. If you need one, contact Gina through our lodge email located on back page.

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Bowl-A-Thon Fundraiser

The Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser was a success!! 10 people bowled and raised a total of \$410 for our Lodge! There were a few strikes and many gutter balls, but fun was had by all participants!



Pat's on the Back (formally Member Highlight's)

Meet Gabrielle Brown, a newish member who joined us in 2014. Gabrielle is second generation half-Italian. Her grandparents hail from Roccomonfina and Avelino, both in Campagna. They immigrated, met in Massachusetts, and eventually moved their family southern California. Gabrielle was born in California, grew up all over the USA, and has lived in Colorado Springs for over 20 years; she is married to Dave and they have a daughter, Christina, who is attending college in Iowa.



Gabrielle is passionate about cooking, travel and genealogy and enjoys creating with yarn, fabric, digital media and paper craft. She takes pleasure in helping others by volunteering, and she likes to be involved. You'll see her name on the newsletter and scholarship committees, and you will almost always hear her contributing her thoughts at our monthly meetings.

Gabrielle is excited to be welcomed into OSIA Lodge #2870 and looking forward to further exploring her heritage and culture with you .

Members enjoyed a delicious selection of international foods at this year's Culinary Passport Fundraiser. Brother Chef Peter Aiello , President of the American Culinary Federation Pikes Peak Chapter, organized this event which benefits the Springs Rescue Mission.



Italian Phrases— Greetings

Ciao! - Hello/ hi (Informal)

Salve!—Bye! (Formal and Informal)

Che piacere vederti! (How nice to see you!
(informal)

Buongiorno—Hello: Good morning; Goodbye
(Formal)

Buona Sera! - Hello: Good evening; Goodbye
(Formal)

Buona Notte! - Good night (Formal/ Informal)

Arrivederci—Goodbye (Informal)

Arrivederla - Goodbye (Formal)

A dopo! - See you later (Formal / Informal)

A presto! - See you soon! (Formal / Informal)

A domani—See you tomorrow (Formal / Informal)

A fra poco—See you in a bit (Informal)

Cultural notes - April in Italy

There may be a saying about “April showers bringing May flowers,” but April in Italy is more often marked by sun than by rain.

Two of the biggest holidays in April are Easter and Liberation Day

The Italian word for Easter is “Pasqua” (pronounced PAHSS|kwah), and it’s one of the biggest holidays on the Italian calendar. Easter in Italy may look somewhat similar to Easter celebrations you’re used to – you’ll see colorful displays of chocolate eggs in shop windows, for instance – but there isn’t an Italian-speaking Easter Bunny. Easter is a time of religious parades and celebrations, and often the focus is a statue of Jesus or the Virgin Mary that gets carried through the city streets. One of the largest and most famous processions is in the Sicilian town of Enna on Good Friday, where more than 2,000 friars parade through the city. One of the oldest Good Friday processions takes place in Chieti, Abruzzo. Traditional Easter foods in Italy include eggs, artichokes, roasted lamb, a special sweet bread called “Colomba” (which means dove, and it’s made in the shape of a dove) and chocolate eggs, which almost always are hollow and have a special prize inside.

The *Festa della Liberazione*, or Liberation Day. In Italy, April 25, 1945 was the day when the Allied troops finally were able to liberate Italy – and today, it commemorates not just that liberation but also is a date when Italians honor their fallen soldiers. You’ll see gatherings in towns of every size, large and small, some with marching bands and some with big flags, some with political rallies and some with music concerts. The song ‘*Bella Ciao*’ is also played often around this time of the year, as it was sung by the Italian resistance during World War II.



Recipe of the Month—Soups!

DUMP SOUP

Barbara Ambuehl

1 can corn
 1 can kidney beans
 1 can great northern beans
DREAN ALL BEANS
 3 cans petite diced tomatoes
 1 envelope Hidden Valley Ranch mix
 1 envelope Taco Seasoning (low salt)
 1 pound ground beef or Italian sausage browned
 Put all ingredients in crock pot.
 Cook on low 3-4 hours.

CHICKEN POTATO SOUP

Jennie Rodasta

3 green onions chopped
 1 tablespoon butter
 Sauté butter and onions then add
 3-4 chicken bouillon
 ¼ teaspoon garlic & pepper
 5 cups water
 Add 4 -6 oz. Velveeta cheese bring to a boil until cheese melts
 Add 4-6 potatoes cook 45 min.
 add salt & paprika
 This is better made a day ahead of time or in the morning

VEGETABLE BEEF AND RICE

Franki Lang

Cube up left over roast beef
 Sauté with onion, garlic and carrot until tender.
 Add beef broth 3-4 cups thicken with flour .
 Stir in cooked green beans and cooked rice.
 Add bay leaf, oregano, sage, salt and pepper.
 Simmer until ready to serve.
 Serve with grated cheese of your choice.



Special Thanks

Thank you to the generosity of Carlo Montera who donated \$750 for a scholarship and to Chris and Tom Ruth who donated \$500 to our scholarship fund.

Upcoming Events

April 18th – Rick Blessing with Trip and the Boys

7:30 – 9:30 at Rico's Cafe 320 N. Tejon St. No Admission

April 25 - Bunco

2pm at the VFW

May 23 – 25 – Territory Days

Old Colorado City – Find our booth by Colorado and 24th street, facing Pikes Peak National Bank

June 2 – Scholarship dinner

5:30 pm at the VFW 702 S. Tejon St.

June 20 – Sky Sox Night

Please pay by our June 20th meeting – \$26 adults / \$17 12 & under / under 3 are free
It's Star Wars night!!

July 25th – Bunco

2pm VFW There will be a cookie raffle!!

Fellow Lodge's Events



The Royal Gorge Lodge #2866 will be holding their annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Sunday, April 19th from 11am till 6pm at the Canyon City Elks Lodge. Major Mandolin will be performing from 12:00—2:00. Call 429-6667 or 269-3519 for tickets or you can pay at the door.

Special Event:

Our brother, Rick Blessing, an amazing Frank Sinatra tribute artist, will be performing at Stargazers Theatre on June 13th from 8:00 to 10:00. We are planning on sitting at tables and have reserved some. If you are interested in attending, contact Diane Varlesi via email at scoutie777@comcast.net to purchase a seat at one of our tables for \$25. Our lodge is one of the sponsors for this event, so let's show up and support Rick!

Put a swanky outfit together and be a "Tramp" onstage!

**FRANK SINATRA TRIBUTE ARTIST
RICK BLESSING**
Saturday, June 13

**Stargazers
THEATRE**

Sinatra - Up Close and Personal
An Evening of Cabaret Style Entertainment

Table Seats \$25 - Theatre Seats (No Tables) \$15
Doors Open 7pm Music at 8pm

10 S. Parkside Dr. Colorado Springs
719.476.2200
www.stargazerstheatre.com

The first edition of our monthly newsletter was an success! The feedback was greatly appreciated and our hope is that this will grow into an exciting publication. Again, we need everyone's help. Not all of our members come to every meeting and this would be a great way to share news with everyone. Now that you have seen what our newsletter will look like, we have a lot of space to fill. To keep this at least a four page newsletter, we need input from our members in order to have enough content! 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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