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## Lodge Highlight Scholarship Dinner

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Our second annual Scholarship Dinner was held on June 2, 2015. We had a wonderful meal of spaghetti and meatballs from Paravacini's with added homemade meatballs by Jennie Rodasta. Members filled in with sides and fabulous desserts! Honored guests included, Dario Sponchiado—Colorado College professor of Italian Studies and John Obrin (past president) Southern Colorado Lodge and his wife, Sandie. Our three recipients each received a \$750 scholarship. Amy Telck received the Carlo J. Montera award along with Noah Rodasta, and Donovan Lavery receiving our lodge scholarships. There was much celebrating by all and fantastic entertainment by Major Mandolin, Rick Blessing and Lila Mori.

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**Pat's on the Back** This section will return next month!

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**Commission (committee) reports:** This will be a new section that we would like to include.

The Cultural Commission needs your participation! Do you have an interesting story about how your family came to America? Does your family celebrate holidays with traditional Italian foods or customs? Are there fascinating characters in your family tree? Have you lived or traveled in Italy? Do you have a special talent or skill? Any of these topics would make a wonderful Cultural Note at our lodge meetings. Contact Charlene Pardo to schedule your presentation and thanks for sharing your story.

The lodge library is another way to share cultural experiences. If you can recommend any books, music, or movies with an Italian or Italian-American theme, please submit your suggestions to Charlene. The library also gratefully accepts gently used books and DVDs to lend to the general membership. Your suggestions and/or donations are always appreciated.

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## Recipe of the Month— Nonna Greco's Caponata Recipe

As many of you know, caponata is a Sicilian eggplant dish. There are several different variations of this popular side dish. This is Shirley Greco-Delahoyde's mother's version. How is your family recipe different? Please share with us!

3 medium eggplants, partially peeled and diced into ½ inch cubes

1 medium onion, chopped

1 cup celery, chopped

1 or 2 garlic cloves, minced

1 can tomato sauce or 1 can diced tomatoes

2 tablespoons parsley

Throw in some basil, fresh or dried. If using dried, use less.

Salt and pepper to taste

1 tablespoon sugar

2 teaspoons red wine vinegar (optional)

Sauté eggplant, onion, and celery in olive oil until tender. Add garlic and sauté for a few more minutes. Then add tomato sauce or diced tomatoes, parsley, basil, salt and pepper, sugar, and vinegar. Bring to boil, then reduce to simmer and cook, covered 30 to 45 minutes. Serve warm.



italian cuisine

## Cultural notes - Giugno (June) in Italy

**Festa della Repubblica (Republic Day)** is Italian National Day and Republic Day, celebrated on 2 June each year and commemorates the institutional referendum held by universal suffrage in 1946, in which the Italian people were called to the polls to decide on the form of government, following the Second World War and the fall of Fascism. With 12,717,923 votes for a republic and 10,719,284 for the monarchy, the male descendants of the House of Savoy were sent into exile. To commemorate it, a grand military parade is held in central Rome, presided over by the President of the Italian Republic in his role as Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces. The Prime Minister, formally known as the President of the Council of Ministers and other high officers of state also attend. There are important celebrations in all the Italian embassies and foreign heads of state are invited. Even though the main parade is in Rome, many Italian cities celebrate

**The 29 of June**, Rome and the Vatican celebrates St. Peter and St. Paul. This feast day commemorates the martyrdom of the two great Apostles, assigned by tradition to the same day of June in the year 67. They had been imprisoned in the famous Mamertine Prison of Rome and both had foreseen their approaching death. Saint Peter was crucified; Saint Paul, a Roman citizen, was slain by the sword. On the 29 of June the Church commemorates these saints with masses, liturgy and remembrance. It is a holiday in Rome and the Vatican.

**From May 1st to October 31** the world fair 2015 is being held just northwest of Milan's city center under the theme "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life." It is the first world's fair with a food theme. The theme chosen for the 2015 Milan Universal Exposition is "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life". This embraces technology, innovation, culture, traditions and creativity and how they relate to food and diet.

## Italian Proverbs for June—

### Giugno freddolino, povero contadino.

A cold month of June, a poor farmer. (Not a good harvest)

### Giugno umido e caldo, contadino baldo

A humid and hot month of June makes a farmer very busy. (Great and abundant harvest)

### A few helpful words for travelers to Italy:

**passaporto** [m] (passport)

**valigia** [f] (suitcase)

**zaino** (backpack)

**borsa** (bag)

**biglietto** [m] (ticket)

**prenotare** (reservation)

**biglietto di andata e ritorno** (round-trip ticket)

**biglietto a senso unico** (one-way ticket)

**posto** (seat)

**stazione** (train station)

**treno** [m] (train)

**volo** (flight)

**aeroporto** [m] (airport)

## Special Events:



Lila Mori and band performed for enthusiastic fans at Lucci Music!



## Territory Days

Major doing what he does best!



Dedicated booth sitters



## Upcoming Events

**June 13th** -Rick Blessing at Stargazers

**June 19th** — Lila Mori at the Pauline Chapel  
Friday afternoon concert series on June 19th  
at 4:00 pm.

**June 20**— OSIA Sky Sox Night

**July 25th — Bunco** - 2pm VFW There will be a cookie raffle!!

**August 22** — Anniversary Dinner (location TBA)

## Fellow Lodge's Events

**Southern Colorado Lodge** - Golf Tournament Sunday, August 16, 8am Walking Stick Golf Course. Please see their website [osia2738.com](http://osia2738.com) for more info.

**Royal Gorge Lodge in Canon City** - Golf Tournament Saturday, June 13th, at Four Mile Ranch Golf Club. 8 am check-in, 9 am start. Please call 719-214-4179 or 719-429-6667 for more info.

**Denver Lodge** - Joe Ciancio Invitational Golf Tournament Sunday, July 26th. The Heritage Golf Course at Westmoor. Please see their website [osiadenver.org](http://osiadenver.org) for more info.



## State Convention

The 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial State Convention was held in Cripple Creek June 5-7. Royal Gorge Lodge #2866 hosted the event, which took place at the Triple Crown Casinos. The convention kicked off Friday afternoon with nine teams competing in a bocce tournament. While the Southern Colorado Lodge won the coveted bocce trophy, we discovered that sister Cheryl Malenky has quite an arm!

After an evening of meeting/reconnecting with brothers and sisters from our filial lodges, the delegates were refreshed and ready to start Saturday's all-day session led by our State President Dominic Losasso. New state officers were elected and sworn in, followed by break-out sessions on the following topics: membership growth/retention, fundraising, and culture. We will discuss these in more detail at our July 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. A delicious dinner of prime rib and a variety of pastas with complimenting sauces rounded out the evening. The convention was productive and fun!

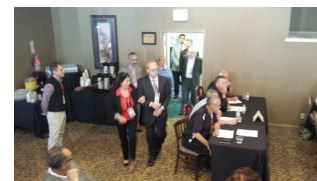
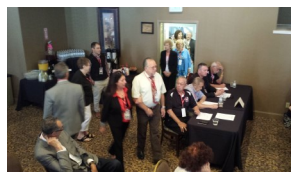
Our lodge will be hosting the 2017 state convention. The national convention will be held this August in Florida with President Dominic and First Vice-President Rich Sabell representing our state.



The delegates and guests at dinner



Entrance of Grand Lodge officers



Our delegates



Dominic Losasso—Grand Lodge president



### General Session



### Gina giving lodge highlights



### Swearing in of new Grand Lodge officers



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