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

Ciao!

We have about three more weeks for our membership drive, which runs through August 4. Remember, the member who signs up the most new members will receive ONE free ticket to our Anniversary dinner on August 22nd! See last page for link to website for application.

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Lodge Highlights:

OSIA Lodge #2870 presented a good showing for our own Rick Blessing's Frank Sinatra Tribute on June 13th. Stargazers Theater was transformed into an old-school Vegas style cocktail lounge, and the smooth vocals, solid accompaniments and Sinatra trivia did not disappoint. The house was full and the evening was nonstop entertainment with a few little surprises thrown in. We enjoyed Frank tunes, Frank trivia, and some fabulous musical solos. Rick channels Frank beautifully! About 25 people from our lodge were in the crowd. OSIA Lodge #2870 was recognized as supporters of the event and manned an information table to answer questions regarding our lodge. Additionally, some of our members vamped it up. Gina Knaack, Diane Varlesi and Nina Porter were joined by some Gazette staff members to dance during the performance of "The Lady is a Tramp". We have some surprise talent among our members!



Additionally, Major Mandolin made a stroll across stage while playing a Venetian tune.

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Sky Sox, Barbecue, and Fireworks



OSIA Lodge #2870 members enjoyed good baseball, dinner, and fireworks at the Fifth Annual Sky Sox Star Wars Night on Saturday June 20th. Security Service Field was filled with fans of both baseball and Star Wars. We were easy to spot, as many of our members wore Sons of Italy attire.

Colorado Springs Sky Sox beat the New Orleans Zephyrs 9 -6. Weather was perfect, conversation lively, and food was plentiful. Our group was one of several who took advantage of the Picnic Terrace. A few foul balls came our way, one was caught just below us and another just behind our group. Though none from our Lodge caught a t-shirt or won a free pizza, we still enjoyed the silly Star Wars skits, the people-watching (some fans came dressed as Star Wars characters), visiting, watching good baseball and cheering on the Sox. We now know who among us are the serious baseball fans! Sky Sox capped off the evening with a fireworks display featuring music from the Star Wars movies.



Pat's on the Back—Michael Ivanovich

Michael is a new member of the Lodge, joining in February 2015, but deserves a Pat on the Back for the positive energy and volunteerism he's brought to our community. He certainly has a lot to offer—he currently is a the Senior Director for Industry Relations for an international nonprofit association that is nearly 100 years old and which has members in Europe, Asia, Middle East, and South America. His background includes professional journalism (he was a chief editor of two trade magazines for engineers), so he's handy with a camera, and in communications, marketing, and advertising. At the July meeting, we announced that Michael will chair the newly formed Membership and Marketing Committee.



When asked about his Italian heritage, Michael said his maternal grandmother is Italian - born on the boat on the way to Ellis Island; and his maternal grandfather is Sicilian. His father's side is of Russian decent, but his parents divorced when he was young, and his mom raised him and his two sisters in Utica, NY, which has a very Italian culture. "Not having a father wasn't an ideal start in life, but at least I got to grow up on the Italian side of the family," he said; "The food - the hugs - the constant chiding to do what's right and to live a life of service and faith. There was a Sons of Italy lodge close to where we lived, and my mom would play bingo there quite often, taking me with her from time to time. I didn't learn that it was a national organization that I could join until I moved to Manitou Springs, and learned about the Pikes Peak chapter. Then I joined right away."

Asked what he likes about the Lodge, he said, "I love the people - I felt from the very first hour that I was home, and every meeting is like going to an Italian wedding - there's great food, a lot of laughter, music, and of course, there's a ceremony (the meeting)."

Michael is married; his wife, Amy Smith, is a dean at the University of Phoenix, and he splits his time between Phoenix and Manitou (when not traveling around the country and the world). He and his wife are avid hikers, and Michael is an organic gardener. With his wife in Phoenix, he has a lot of spare time, which he spends cooking, fishing, learning guitar and flute, and taking his dog, Bogart, on long and wonderful hikes.

Cultural notes - July in Italy

The Palio of Siena

The exciting horse race for the Palio of Siena is one of the most popular and well-known historic festivals in Italy run in Siena's fan-shaped main square, Piazza del Campo, or Il Campo. Siena is divided into 17 neighborhoods, or *contrade*, each with a rider. Ten *contrade* take part in the first race, July 2, chosen by a draw 20 days before the race. The other seven plus three from the July race compete August 16. Horses are assigned to the riders by a draw three days before the race. Race day starts with a special mass, trial runs by the jockeys, and blessing of the horses. In the afternoon starting around 3pm there's a procession through the historic center of Siena with costumed participants from each *contrada* and performances by flag throwers. The historic parade ends at Piazza del Campo. Before the race the starting line-up is decided by lottery and horses are lined up behind a rope, the traditional starting gate. The race is about 1000 meters total, with horses circling the track three times, taking less than two minutes. The *contrada* of the winning horse is awarded the palio, or victory flag. Winning the palio is a huge honor and the race is highly competitive.

Santa Rosalia celebration in Palermo

From the most religious to the less devoted, everyone in Palermo, Sicily loves Santa Rosalia, tenderly called "Santuzza". Its huge statue placed on top of Mount Pellegrino overlooks the whole gulf and the city. On July 14th, the whole city respectfully stops and a sumptuous outstanding celebration starts, involving the whole citizenry including all authorities. It is said that Santa Rosalia rescued the city from a horrible plague: she appeared to a hunter in the woods of Mount Pellegrino, and told him where to find her remains and then to have them brought to Palermo and carried in procession throughout the city. After the procession, the plague actually ceased: from then on, the Saint started being venerated as the holy protector and patron saint of Palermo,

Italian Phrases

A Luglio gran calura, a Gennaio gran freddura.

(A very hot July: a very cold January)

Some more useful phrases for travelers:

- **Avete sconti per studenti e anziani?** (Do you have any discounts for students and seniors?)
- **Vorrei prenotare due biglietti.** (I would like to reserve two tickets.)
- **Vorrei comprare due biglietti andata e ritorno.** (I would like to buy two round-trip tickets.)
- **Solo andata.** (Just one-way.)
- **Prima o seconda classe?** (First or second class?)
- **Quanti siete?** (How many are you?)
- **Siamo in quattro.** (There are four of us.)
- **Qual è il cognome?** (What is the last name?)
- **Quanto in anticipo dovremmo arrivare?** (How early should we arrive?)

- **Quanto è il biglietto?** (How much is the ticket?)

- **Vorremmo il volo delle diciannove.**

(We'd like the 7 p.m. flight.)

- **Preferisce il posto corridoio o finestrino?**

(Would you prefer aisle or window seats?)

[Formal]

- **Possiamo sedere tutti insieme, per favore?**

(May we all sit together, please?)

- **Per favore posso avere un pasto vegetariano?** (May I please request a vegetarian meal?)

- **C'è l'aria condizionata su questo treno?**

(Is there air conditioning on this train?)

- **Quale binario?** (What train track?)

“Avviso importante!!”

When traveling by train, you have to punch (**stampare**) your ticket in a validation machine before boarding; otherwise, you'll be fined.

Commission (committee) Reports: by Jennie Rodasta

The Events committee members are comprised of Cheryl Malenky, Geri Ward, Pete Aiello, Shirley Delahoyde, Terri Gioga, Vickie Darpino, and Jennie Rodasta.

The committee is in charge of planning and conducting the various events that the lodge does on a yearly basis, such as Bunco, Anniversary Dinner, Family Picnic, President's Day Pot Luck, and the Christmas Party, are just some of the events the Committee runs for the lodge. The committee also helps with the Scholarship Dinner.

Cheryl Malenky is our President's Day Potluck chairperson and this year it was a soup contest.

Teri Gioga runs the Bunco games - she gives us the rules on playing this fun game and also passes out the winnings.

Pete Aiello does the Anniversary Dinner and comes up with the theme.

Vickie Darpino, is in charge of the Christmas Party. She meets with La Bella Vita and picks the menu and anything extra that is needed

Geri Ward is our decorations chairperson for each event and she does a great job with all her ideas,

Shirley Delahoyde, gathers all the supplies for each event as needed such as, plates, cups, plastic ware, napkins, etc.

Jennie Rodasta is the committee chairperson. She sends out the emails with all the information on what is going on that month as it pertains to the event committee. All committee members help with each event.

Eventhough the committee tries to have an event every month, there are also other events going on that the committee members may be involved in but are not in charge of, such as Territory Days, Columbus Day, Coffin Races, Spaghetti Dinners, Night at the Sky Sox, etc.

We hope you have all enjoyed the events we have brought you so far this year. We are always open to new ideas. If you have any questions or ideas, contact Jennie Rodasta

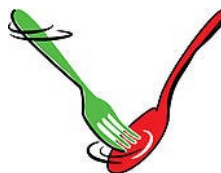
Recipe of the Month—Spaghetti Bread! (For bread machines)

With the powerful flavors of parmesan cheese, Italian seasoning and olive oil, this is the perfect companion or main course for Italian dinners with or without spaghetti!

(use ingredients at room temperature)

- 1 package yeast
- 3 cups bread flour
- 1 Tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups warm water

Add all ingredients into the bread machine pan in the order listed. Select "white" bread and push "Start". Can't get much easier then that!!



Special Events:

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

August 22, 2015

6:00pm for Cocktails and 6:30pm Dinner

Price \$30.00 per person

La Bella Vita Restorante 4475 Northpark Dr. 80907

Please make your check out to SOI Lodge 2870 you can pay at the August meeting or

Send it to the PO Box 31311 Colorado Springs CO. 80931

We will send in the count of members attending on August 15th The Events Committee will need your money before that date.

Upcoming Events

July 25th – Bunco

2pm VFW There will be a cookie raffle!!

July 31st – Friday Fun Day at Mollica's 4 – 6 pm

Please contact Mike Patti at papapatti.patti461@gmail.com by July 29th if interested in attending

September 12—Lodge Picnic

Nancy Lewis Park

Fellow Lodge's Events

Denver Lodge - Joe Ciancio Invitational Golf Tournament Sunday, July 26th. The Heritage Golf Course at Westmoor. Please see their website osiadenver.org for more info.

Southern Colorado Lodge - Golf Tournament Sunday, August 16, 8am Walking Stick Golf Course. Please see their website osia2738.com for more info.

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