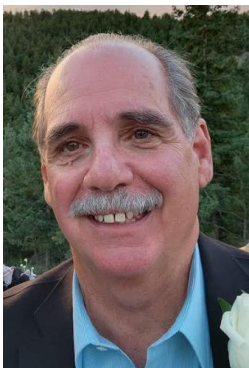




LA PAROLA

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March / Marzo 2024



Brothers and Sisters,

Well, I believe March came in like a Lamb which means it could go out like a Lion. Stand by!

Mark your calendar for Saturday March 23rd! That's the date for our next Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale. As always, if you would like to volunteer to help out on that day or help make meatballs the week before, please snag me at a meeting or give me a call. We can always use more hands!

A big thank you to T.J. Henderson and his crew of volunteers who pulled off a great Sadie Hawkins Day Dance on Saturday February 24th! Everyone had a blast and we raised a few bucks for the Bocce Court Renovation!

And don't forget that The Sons and Daughters of Italy offers a Scholarship to High School Seniors every year. The deadline is April 12, contact Bob Giusto for more details.

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a BIG difference" --- Winston Churchill

Fraternally yours, President Sal



Recap of the Sadie Hawkins Dance

by Dr. Rita DeFrango

On February 24th the Sons & Daughters held a Sadie Hawkins Dance to raise money for the Bocce Courts. With TJ Henderson as our chairperson, he enlisted Teresa (his better half LOL) and the event was a huge success. LeAnne DiiTirro assisted with ticket sales and between she and her hubby Danny folks kept coming through the front door! Country music played all evening long, snacks were served and there as even a Hog calling contest – Bella Yantourno (shown below to the left) WON! There were weddings cows and treats galore! What a great success. Thanks to all that helped in the background....and thanks to all who attended!



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Pam Wright, Anna Vann, Sal Siraguse , Cyndi Lubrano,
LeAnne DiTirro, , Eleanor Gaccetta,
Kathy Holt, and Dr. Rita DeFrangé

Building Contacts

Desi Ramirez – Facility Manager

Ware looking for a member who would like the chair our building committee. Please contact Sal if you are interested!

Health & Condolence

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Anna Vann transitioning out...looking for help!

Address Changes

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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.

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Having an Event this Year? by Dr. Rita DeFrangé

If you are interested in renting the hall, please use the "[contact us](#)" from the website or call 303-238-8055. We are already booking up for 2024 and want to be able to accommodate all inquires! Grazie!



Membership Information

Just a friendly reminder that you all should have received your dues notice for 2024. If you haven't sent in your dues yet, please do so soon, dues are due by the end of March. If you have questions or need information on how to pay, please send an email to soidenver2075@gmail.com or call 303-618-8023.

Grazie! Anna Vann, Recording Secretary



Come Polka on Sundays!

Sunday afternoon Polka dancing is back in full force!! If you're interested, dancing is from 2-5:30 pm Sundays. Need information, contact Bev Meyer at 970-222-4331 or email coloradopolkaklub@gmail.com.

Book Club

by Pam Wright

Book Club meets the second Monday of the month. Meeting place Panera on 64th & Yank, 12:00 p.m. everyone welcome.



Becoming ADA Compliant

In the State of Colorado, legislation has all Public Agencies pursuing ADA compliancy. That means we will begin to ensure 12 Point font, Calibri text, using links and making sure our colors can be read by those in our community with disabilities. More to come in future issues.

Dancing at the Lodge – Come and Enjoy!

Sponsored by our own Maggie Francucci! Ballroom dancing is back in full swing too! They meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of most months. To verify or check with Cathy and/or Maggie at [Http://danceconnectioncolorado.com](http://danceconnectioncolorado.com) There is a one-hour class for various types of dances followed by open dance the rest of the evening.



Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars! Submitted by Dr. Rita DeFrangé

March

March 9th - Potenza Spaghetti Dinner

March 9th - IABA [Bravo Awards](#)

March 13th - Pietra's, dual citizenship presentation

March 16th - St. Patrick's Day Parade - Sons & Daughters, **All clubs are welcome to join!**

March 16th - St. Joseph's Table Dinner, OLMC 3 to 6 (2 seatings)

March 23rd - Spaghetti Dinner, Sons & Daughters of Italy

April

April 6th - Prima Domenica, Dante

April 20th - OLMC All School Reunion & Friends

April 27th - IOA Rodders' Ball, held at the Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge

April TBD - Culinary Experience (<https://dantealighieriofdenver.com>)



Trivia from our very own Beverly Mendicello

The *Passage du Gois* (French pronunciation: [\[pasaz dy gwa\]](#)) or *Gôa* is a [causeway](#) between [Beauvoir-sur-Mer](#) and the island of [Noirmoutier](#), in [Vendée](#) on the Atlantic coast of France. The causeway is 4.125 kilometres (2.6 mi) long^[1] and is flooded twice a day by the [high tide](#). A road runs along the causeway.



While that sounds innocuous and even banal, the road seemingly has a mind of its own. Drivers can only travel on it twice a day for a few hours before it's flooded. Thanks to the rising tide, the Passage du Gois is mostly hidden beneath 4 to 13-foot waves.

Long ago, the only way to reach Noirmoutier was by boat. The Bay of Bourgneuf, however, gradually silted to form a causeway—a raised road across wet ground—that allowed people and animals to wade through towards the island. In 1701, this 2.58-mile passage was first mentioned on a map and, in around 1840, regular service began via horseback and later cars.

Because of the high waters, the Passage du Gois is generally unsafe for travel. Safeguards—special panels—are in place to tell people if the road is drivable. But every year there are those who disregard these warnings and get trapped among the rising tide. Fortunately, there are elevated rescue towers that stranded folks can stand on until the water subsides or someone comes to get them. Their cars, though? Not so lucky. *Source: Wikipedia*



To the **NEW MEMBERS**.... Cheryl Acierno, Brandon Applehans, Gavin Archer, Jeff Archer, Norah Archer, Tracy Archer, Amy Bernard, Connie Brienza, Ginny Brunetti – Rodriguez, Jennifer Caruso, Simona Fava, Janice Fortarel, Rachel Funk, Gina Hensrud, Michael Hensrud, Cara Hoffman, John Loth, MaryLou Luciano, Mark Madsen Steven Magnotta, Betty Passerelli, Michael Passerelli III, Athena Quezada, Richard Rotola, Carmella Santilli, Monique Santilli, Barbara Saunders, Anne Singleton, Campbell Singeton, Jake Singleton, Tison Singleton, Willa Singleton, Laura Spina-Henderson, Karen Samansky, Debbie Thom, Deborah Windle, and Roberta Zellermaier.

Remember – general meetings are every third Wednesday, there are plenty of fun things going on at the lodge and across the community. For now – come down on Monday evenings to watch bocce – and maybe even sub we always need subs! We have a Spaghetti Dinner coming up – maybe we can enlist your help!



Breakfast Strata with Sausage, Gruyere and Onion Strata from Kathy Holt

A Strata is a bread pudding turned savory, and it's a perfect dish to throw together the night before for an Easter brunch. Serve with a fruit salad and champagne.

Makes 8 servings

- 1 # loose Italian sausage
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- ¾ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup chopped red bell pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped Italian parsley
- 7 large eggs
- 2 ½ cups whole milk
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 7 cups cubed French baguette or any crusty bread
- 2 cups grated Gruyere cheese



1. Oil a 9X13 baking dish and set aside.

Heat a 10-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook sausage, stirring often, until done. Transfer to a bowl and set aside. Discard fat from pan

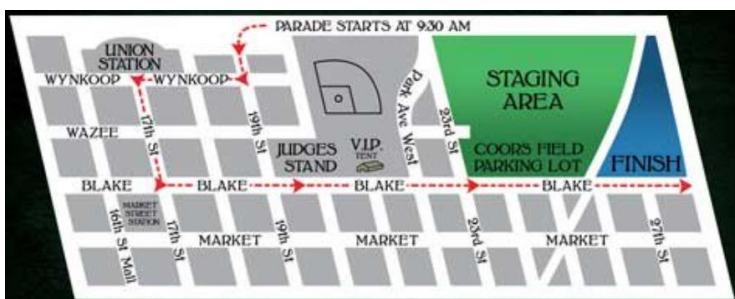
2. Reduce heat to medium. Pour oil into pan and heat. Add onion and stir 2 minutes. Add bell pepper and cook an additional 4 minutes. Add to meat and stir in parsley. Let cool.

3. In a bowl, whisk the eggs until foamy. Whisk in milk, and salt and pepper. Spread half of bread cubes in bottom of prepared dish, followed by all of meat mixture, then 1 cup cheese. Top with remaining bread. Pour egg mixture over the bread, pressing down lightly to moisten bread. Sprinkle remaining 1 cup cheese over top. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight. Better overnight.

4. Remove dish from fridge 30 minutes before baking. (Important for even baking) Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake uncovered, 45 minutes or until cooked through in center. Check at 40 minutes. Let rest 5 minutes before serving. Do not let get too crusty.

JOIN US FOR THE St. Patrick's Day Parade!!

Experience the vibrant Irish culture in Lower Downtown on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 9:30 am! Enjoy award-winning Pipe Bands, Irish Step Dancers, dazzling floats, military units, public servants, celebrities, and more. The event will happen regardless of the weather. We anticipate 300,000 attendees. Street closures and parking restrictions will be enforced on Wynkoop St. from 17th to 19th, and on Blake St. from 17th to 27th. We will meet at the lodge at 7:30 AM and carpool to staging. Snacks and refreshments will be provided!



Boozy Shamrock Shake, from LeAnne DiTirro

Ingredients - 3 cups vanilla ice cream, 1 cup milk, ¼ cup Irish Cream liqueur (such as Baileys), ¼ cup vodka, ¼ teaspoon mint extract. Green food coloring (optional) and Whipped cream for topping, Maraschino cherries for garnish with a few Green sprinkles for garnish!



Seven New Ages of Old

By Ellie Gaccetta

When someone compliments you with “You look good” do you expect end the sentence with “for someone your age?” I find, these days, I am **sensitive** to being called old or worse yet, an old hag. Recently, The Telegraph, a daily publication in the United Kingdom, wrote an article that was inspired by a musician in their travels. At the risk of upsetting any of you – here are the Seven New Ages of Old.

Fit Midlifer. Midlife is the replacement for the term middle age. Fit Midlifers are just fit for their age or look good for their age. For example, do you think The Beatles’ Paul McCartney looks a bit old – well, he’s 81 and Ringo Starr is 83. They’ve crossed the line from whatever midlife or middle age means. **Typical Boomer.** Typical boomers (aged between 57 and 75) are not necessarily fit at all, they don’t look any different than their parents did at the same age. Boomers still think they are old. Typical boomer issues include having trouble jumping over a gate, finding they roll out of bed rather than leap out, avoiding spicy food in the evening, and becoming a bit of a bore all indicate advancing years. Some boomers think that because they still go to concerts (albeit not often 50 Cent), they are bucking the trend. **Trad Oldster.** The “TO” is perfectly relaxed about ageing, has zero interest in exercise with ripped abs, or even dying their hair. In fact, they’re extremely grateful to be on the sofa watching the Antiques Roadshow. Rather than longing to be able to powder ski one last time, they’re fully embracing retirement. **Reckless Oldster.** Reckless says it all. They drink more, blow all their cash on gadgets and unwise projects, keep odd hours, and proudly never look after their health. **Cool Old.** **Granny/Grandpa** Naturally Cool Old Granny’s (you know who you are) will balk at this description. But anyone under thirty-five will take one look at Goldie Hawn or Mick Jagger and think not fantastic for their age but they’re Cool. Conversely when we were younger and looked at Joan Rivers we didn’t think ‘How has she beaten the ageing process?’ We saw an old lady with a tight face and too much plastic surgery. **Ongoing MLC.** The big Midlife Crisis that hit mid-forties and continues through their seventies. Who is an OMLC? All those men who are still having babies in their Eighties and all those women who look like they’re storing nuts in their cheeks. **Properly Old.** In 2024, if you are not in any of the above categories, is anything after 90.



Enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner at the
Sons & Daughters of Italy

Saturday, March 23rd, 2024
12 to 6 PM

5925 W 32nd Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80212



Dinner includes...

Pasta, meatball, sausage, salad, bread, dessert and wine for dine-in or beverage of your choice!

Come dine in or pick up a “to go”!

\$12 for Adults and

\$8 for Children (4 to 12)

Stop by the
Bake Sale

Dinner Club

from Sal Siraguse

Hey there! Anyone interested in a Dinner Club? Once a month, we get a group together to have dinner at a local restaurant. Everyone pays their own tab, and we try somewhere new or an all time favorite! Just some place different every month.

I was thinking the first Thursday of the month, but if that doesn’t work, we can figure something else out. May be a group of 10-15 people? You don’t have to be a couple; you just need to be a foodie like me that likes to eat! Call or text, or flag me down at the next meeting. Bon Appetit, Sal - 720-908-7701



By-law Proposed Revisions 2024 , from our Orator Pam Wright

Please review the proposed by-law changes. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pam Wright pcake@comcast.net

The following articles will remain the same wording the only suggested revision will be to add a link to the state and or national by-laws. Please refer to your copy of the bylaws for exact reading.

ART. I, Section A first paragraph, Section #2 add link to both.

ART. II Section A #8 add link, Section B #1-a, Section D #1, #3 + #4 add link.

ART. III Section B #1 add link.

ART VI, Section A #1 + #2 add link.

The following have word changes.

ART II Section A Classification of Members

1. Social Members are those members not of Italian descent and not related to one of Italian descent. Social members may not hold office or vote on business of the Lodge but may serve on social committees.

Revision: Social Members are those members not of Italian descent and not related to one of Italian descent. Social members may hold an office on the council but not the office of President or the Vice President or State Delegate. Social members may vote on lodge business and may serve on committees.

5a. Any member bringing a guest will be required to have that guest sign in and must sign in along with the guest. For guests invited to the general meeting dinner, a donation to cover the cost of the guest's dinner is requested. The number of guests will be limited so as not to unduly burden the kitchen staff. The sign in sheet will be posted and maintained by the guard or chairperson of the event. The attendance book shall be maintained by the guard at each meeting. Failure to sign in for the lodge sponsored activity may result in a \$20 fin to the member. Any guest/visitor who fails to sign in for the lodge sponsored activity or meeting will be asked to leave the building.

Revision: a. Any member bringing a guest will be required to have that guest sign in and must sign in along with the guest. For guests invited to the general meeting dinner, a set price will be charged to cover the cost of the guests' dinner. Or waived upon President's approval. If bringing more than 3 guests, the member must notify the President before the meeting as to inform the kitchen staff. The sign in sheet will be posted and maintained by the guard or chairperson of the event. If a guest has attended more than 3 meetings the guard will give the guest an application for membership and encourage said guest to become a member.

Section B Payment of Membership Dues:

4. When a new member joins Denver Lodge 2075 during the months of October, November or December, they pay the prorated dues for the remainder of that year but must also pay in full for the following year.

Proposed Revision: When a new member joins Denver Lodge 2075 during the months of October, November or December, a prorated amount is charged plus the one-time initiation fee.

Section D Meetings: #5 add heading of Funding Request so that this section is not under Disorder.

ARTICLE V: Events

Section C. Appointment of Chairperson of each event. The President with the consultation of the Events Coordinator shall appoint a member to chair each event (or, at the President's discretion, also co-chairpersons) which the chairperson(s) duties shall consist of :

Proposed Revision: Appointment of Chairperson for each event: The President and the Event Coordinator shall appoint a member or members to chair each event. The chairperson of chairpersons of the event will have the final authority along with the following duties.



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e. All committee workers shall pay in full unless they have prior approval of the general membership. However, when a member or members of this lodge are asked and/or volunteer to prepare and serve a dinner at a non-catered event, whereby more than one day of gratis kitchen work is required, that they be also entitled to a free ticket. Not to exceed 10 free tickets at the discretion of the head chef.

Proposed Revision: All committee workers shall pay in full unless they have prior approval of the general membership. However, when a member or members of this lodge are asked and/or volunteer to prepare and serve a dinner at a non-catered event, whereby more than one day of gratis kitchen work is required, that they be also entitled to a free ticket. Not to exceed 10 free tickets at the discretion of the Lodge President.

Section E. At all events**1, Bartender(s) shall:**

- a. Be chosen by the bar manager.
- b. Be allowed one complimentary ticket or dinner. The bartender needs to be in the bar for a minimum of three hours to receive a complimentary ticket.
- c. C. Not serve any person who is visibly intoxicated or belligerent or any person under 21 years of age
- d. Remain open during time of event.
- e. Split tips 50/50 with the lodge in order to help replace stock.

Proposed Revision: At all lodge events.

1. **Bartender(s) shall**

- a. Be chosen by the bar manager. Bar manager will be consulted on all outside rentals and events.
- b. Be allowed one complimentary ticket or dinner.
- c. Follow tips and state directives.
- d. Give last call on bar 1 hour before end of event.

1. **Coat Check person**

Proposed Revision: Remove this section completely.

Section F. Moneys for each lodge event

1. After each event, an initial report shall be present to the council.

Proposed Revision: After each event, an initial report shall be presented to council along with an event tracker and all receipts.

Section H . Benefit Events

Net Profits Deposits received from each event shall be deposited to the General Account.

Proposed Revision: Rewards to charitable organizations will take place after all lodge expenses are first paid.

Section I. Whenever any outside athletic organization request a donation from Denver Lodge no more than \$500 per year will be donated upon approval of the lodge council and the membership at the regular meeting.

Proposed Revision: Whenever an outside athletic organization requests a donation from Denver Lodge the amount of the donation will be requested to the council and approved by the general membership.



Please Join Us at the Denver Lodge for These Events

March / Marzo

March 9th – **Bravo!** Awards 5:30 at the Lodge

March 16th - St. Patrick's Day Parade - Sons & Daughters, All clubs are welcome to join us – we meet at the lodge at 7:30 AM!

March 20th – Social Meeting, Dinner starts at 6:15 PM

March 23rd - Spaghetti Dinner, Sons & Daughters of Italy

March 31st – Happy Easter!

April / Aprile

Note – there will be a limited newsletter in April.

April 17th – General Meeting Dinner starts at 6:15 PM

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