



Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy

August 17, 2024

Dr. Antonio Esquibel and members of the Governing Board of the SPMDTU will speak and present a PowerPoint slide presentation on the *La Sociedad Protección Mutua de Trabajadores Unidos (SPMDTU)* and its restored SPMDTU building in Antonito, CO.

Dr. Antonio Esquibel has been a member of the *La Sociedad Protección Mutua de Trabajadores Unidos (SPMDTU)*, the oldest civil rights organization in the United States, for 56 years. He is the Secretary and Grant Writer of the *Concilio Superior*, its governing board. The SPMDTU was founded in 1900, 124 years ago in Antonito, Colorado. He represents the SPMDTU on the **Maestas Case Commemoration Committee**. He has composed "*El Corrido de Francisco Maestas/The Ballad of Francisco Maestas*", which immortalizes the case. Dr. Esquibel is an Emeritus Professor of Spanish, former Vice President of Student Affairs, and former Trustee of Metropolitan State University of Denver.



The Saturday, meeting will be held at *Lakewood United Methodist Church*; Lakewood, Colorado. The address is 1390 Brentwood St. Main entry way is on the west side of the Church and includes a ramp. The alternate entry on the east side provides direct access to our Library. This area also includes adequate parking spaces for our group. The Doors will open at 10 a.m. Presentation will run from about 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.